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Browning to play major role in games

Jenn Watt
Editor

A letter left in the mailbox of one of Canada's best known figure skaters paid off for Ontario 55+ Games manager Myke Malone, who confirmed last week that Kurt Browning would be playing a central role in the Haliburton County event.

"I wrote up a letter and left it in his mailbox out on Mountain Lake in August and didn't hear a response and out of the blue in early December Kurt emailed me," said Malone.

He said Browning was enthusiastic about his involvement, offering to do as much as the organizers wanted him to do. They took him up on it.

During the games, which run from Feb. 17 to 19 throughout the county, Browning will be the MC of the opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies, present medals at the skating competition and make impromptu appearances at hockey events.

"After about a decade of always being the oldest athlete at the rink, this opportunity to be the youngest was a no-brainer," Browning said in a release. "I look for-

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Snowshoeing in the Gardens

Michelle Connell, front, Carolanne Levasseur, middle, and Irene Heaven snowshoe through a winter wonderland at Abbey Gardens on Jan. 7. From now through to March, Abbey Gardens is offering drop-in snowshoeing by donation every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. The snowshoeing program is made possible through an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant the local food initiative received in 2013. More on page 3. /Angelica Blenich Staff

MPP Laurie Scott contacts MTO over roads

Jenn Watt
Editor

Local MPP Laurie Scott spends a lot of time on Ontario's highways and she says she agrees wholeheartedly with growing frustration over their maintenance.

Last week, the representative for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock wrote to the Ministry of Transportation asking

them to address the conditions, which she says have worsened in the last couple of years.

"I drive the roads and see it all myself. The roads were better maintained before they went to this privatization of the winter maintenance program. The MTO had more control and they would sub-contract for sure too, but the local people were usually the recipients of that and they knew when to put and where to put

salt and sand. The system before seemed to work better," Scott said in an interview with the Echo.

Currently, multinational corporation Carillion is three years into a 10-year contract to maintain the highways in the Haliburton County area - highways 35 and 118.

One of the complaints Scott passed on

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He is Charlie

Charles Lutz of Donald walked the main street in Haliburton on Thursday, Jan. 8 to stand in solidarity with the people of France against terrorism following the murder of 12 people at the offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Lutz, who is an immigrant from France, said he chatted with about a dozen people during his lunch hour demonstration about the attack on free speech by Islamic extremists. /Jenn Watt Staff

Browning to attend several competitions at 55+ games

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ward to an inspiring games!"

Aside from being a three-time Olympian (1988, 1992 and 1994) representing Canada in figure skating, Browning is the recipient of a lengthy list of honours and awards including the Order of Canada, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Guinness Book of Records for landing the first quadruple jump ever in competition.

Browning skates with Stars on Ice and was part of the popular CBC show Battle of the Blades.

"This is incredibly exciting news," said chairman of the 2015 games Alan Clark in a release. "I just know that having one of the world's greatest winter athletes present will inspire our participants."

More than 1,000 are expected to attend the games, which offer competition for those 55 and older in sports such as alpine and Nordic skiing, skating, hockey, curling, card games and more.

Browning is not doing formal public appearances, Malone said, but there are a few ways you could improve your chances of seeing him around the county.

Volunteers are invited to attend the closing ceremonies, which will include Browning lip syncing with a Haliburton super group of musicians.

"If the general public get out to any of the hockey games or skating competition they may have a chance to see him or meet him then," Malone said.

The games needs volunteers. See story on page 4.

Contracts, not companies, the problem, MPP Scott says

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was from Haliburton resident Sean Pennylegion, who wrote a detailed account of his experience on Hwy 35.

"Highway 35 was in deplorable condition (and it appeared beyond); two ruts on either side of the highway in significant snow accumulation. The road had clearly not seen any maintenance for some time. It was not snowing and I understand that the last snowfall had occurred overnight," Pennylegion wrote in his letter.

"It was dangerous and greasy and the traffic was moving at 40 to 50 kms/hour under otherwise very manageable circumstances (good visibility, no precipitation)."

On Facebook, several Echo readers shared similar stories.

"Terrible the last few years! Commuting daily between Bancroft and Eagle Lake is a real adventure at times," wrote Cathy Henwood. "I find even when roads are plowed, which isn't often enough, roads are still slippery – maybe need more sand?"

A few readers gave the roads passing grades, while many blamed Carillion.

Scott said after consulting with her fellow MPPs across the province, it seems the problem is not the companies, but the contracts themselves. Poor conditions are occurring regardless of the companies and in the Simcoe area, where Carillion is the provider, there are few complaints heard by that area's MPP.

"We're really pushing the minister of transportation to say obviously [the contract is] not adequate to maintain our provincial highways," she said.

"It seems these contracts and restrictions they have are not allowing the providers to ensure the roads are really prop-

erly maintained and are safe."

Last winter, the Progressive Conservatives asked the auditor general to look into the contracts.

MTO spokesman Gordan Rennie said that winter weather has been more extreme over the last two years. He said calls are down this winter compared to this time last winter, but did not give figures on complaints.

To improve service, Rennie said the MTO has created several new positions.

"Last winter, we added 55 winter maintenance units to improve the level of service. Forty-two of these units are in Northern Ontario. These units can also be used on other areas of the highway, further improving service levels," he said in an email.

"We have made organizational changes to better manage maintenance service delivery, including a new provincial director of maintenance and five new regional maintenance engineer positions. In addition we have added 20 inspectors to provide more on-the-ground oversight of contractors during winter storms."

Asked about a response to Scott's letter, Rennie said the auditor general was looking into winter maintenance and that there is an annual internal review done. He did not specifically address her letter.

According to information provided by the MTO, Hwy 118 is a Class 3 road and Hwy 35 is Class 2.

After a winter storm, a Class 3 road is to be back to bare pavement in 24 hours. A Class 2 is to be back to bare pavement in 16 hours. The goal is to meet this target 90 per cent of the time.

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In an article published in the Dec. 22 issue of the *Haliburton Echo* titled "Less strife on Rail Trail," it was stated that ATVs are permitted on the trail until the end of October. In fact, ATVs are permitted on the Haliburton County Rail Trail until the end of November.

Abbey Gardens gets food initiative funding

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Haliburton's evolving food initiative in West Guilford is getting some provincial funding to bring forward some new opportunities and programs.

On Dec. 12 the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announced Abbey Gardens was the recipient of \$31,726 through the Local Food Fund.

The funding is going towards expanding what the location will offer to visitors, said operations director Heather Reid.

"It's really focused on expanding access to local food through consumer education," she said. "So people understand the importance of local food and the impact of buying local food ... also to support other local producers and ourselves."

Ideas for how the money will be used include sharing information about local farmers and food programs, said Reid.

Last year the food hub undertook a project that broadened local items throughout the Highlands and the provincial funding will help that project continue.

"We did a small pilot last year of putting some Abbey Gardens products into some retail locations around the county and also serving some at the restaurants and resorts," said Reid. "So this grant will enable us to build on that work."

Another project Abbey Gardens is working on is creating a site plan, to help establish a vision for what the property will look like going forward. With 220 acres, there are many possibilities for the location.

Working at Abbey Gardens for the past year, Reid said government funding has helped support many of the organization's offerings, including a drop-in snowshoeing program taking place this winter every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m., which is being facilitated through an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

Looking to the future the director hopes to establish partnerships with other area businesses and events, such as the cross-promotion done with last year's Hike Haliburton Festival.

"Our direction is to create a place where people want to come and see cool things and have an experience that's pretty unique in terms of local food," said Reid.



Michelle Connell, left, Carollanne Levasseur, second from left, Irene Heaven, third from left, and Jennifer Posti, behind Heaven, get ready to head out on a snowshoe trek at Abbey Gardens on Jan. 7, 2015. From now through to March, Abbey Gardens is offering drop-in snowshoeing by donation every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m./**Angelica Blenich** Staff

Help Haliburton claim the title of Kraft Hockeyville

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's time to tell Canada we are Hockeyville.

Haliburton has 36 championship and 24 finalist banners hanging from the A.J. LaRue Arena rafters, former and current NHL players who started playing hockey here, including rising star Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche, the distinction of being the place where high calibre hockey players were developed by a who's who of players through the venerable Hockey Haven and even hosted hundreds of rabid and die-hard hockey fanatics with two consecutive years of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

What it now needs is public support to let everyone else know Haliburton's place in the hockey world and take the title of Kraft Hockeyville – a competition between communities to become the hockey capital for the year.

The township's chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee said this year the township is ahead of the game compared to last year's unsuccessful attempt at becoming Hockeyville.

"We're continuing on from last year because we did join too late last year to get anywhere in terms of community support. This year we said, we've done all that work and got all that information ready – the pictures and stories. We may as well and try it again," she said.

The top prize is an NHL pre-season game (if Haliburton wins the game will be hosted in Peterborough because the Haliburton arena isn't large enough) and \$100,000 in arena upgrades. Second place is awarded \$100,000 in arena upgrades. There are eight third place prizes valued at \$25,000 for arena upgrades.

Built in 1965, the local arena could use the top prize

to address issues such as wall insulation, the need for a new ice cleaning machine and better dehumidification. The money will also contribute to making the second floor accessible and go to the development of a hall of fame.

Wilbee references the township's Facebook page for the bid to become Hockeyville, where there is a list of reasons we should win this contest, which includes the Hockey Haven, former NHL players Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse, current NHL players Cody Hodgson and Duchene, the Highland Storm, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks, and how Haliburton hosted the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

She has also pointed out the outdoor premiere of the locally produced documentary *There's Something in the Water?* drew more than 1,000 people. It featured the special connection Haliburton has to hockey.

Wilbee said the public can show support by agreeing to "join" and nominate the A.J. LaRue Arena online through Kraft Hockeyville's website www.khv2015.ca or post photos with #khv2015 on Twitter.

Nominations opened on New Year's Day and will close on Feb. 8 at 11:59 EST.

Residents can help using social media portals such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or send in hard copy forms to the township office that will upload content for those that don't have access to social media.

Ten communities will be chosen following nominations, which will proceed to the first of two voting rounds. Eligible voters must be Canadian residents, who are 13 and older.

"This time we need to focus on getting into the voting round," Wilbee said.

A factor, she said, in moving on to the voting round is to demonstrate strong engagement from the community, as demonstrated by the content on the website.

"We need to really encourage people to go on to that website and post comments, post pictures and really say why Haliburton should be Hockeyville. Anything, whether it is from playing when they were kids or now; what the arena means to them; or what hockey means in general," she said.

Besides the prizes, there will positives gained through the actual process, which are invaluable to our community.

"More so the community spirit and the pride. It's a time of year that we don't have a whole lot going [on] up here ... it's a good time to rally the community. Help them remember why we are Hockeyville," she said.

The township's recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said this not only raises awareness for the contest and spirit for the town, but also encourages active living.

"The idea of being out on ice and skating and being more active will come if we can promote this and get people on board," she said.

Close to the end of January, Mueller said, there will be a public skating event on Head Lake where participants will be encouraged to wear hockey jerseys to show support. The event will include a food drive for the 4Cs.

During the Frost Festival, the township will have a Hockeyville booth set up.

Wilbee wants children to get involved whether through schools or hockey teams to encourage the feeling of pride.

"Sometimes when you live here you don't realize how much great stuff is here," she said.

Although we're a small town we have the capability to be great and it's time for everyone here and outside the county to learn about it, she added.

Check for updates and event listings related to Hockeyville through the township's website (www.dysartetal.ca) and social media portals such as Facebook.

Volunteers needed for upcoming Winter Games

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Fun, camaraderie and Highlands pride. These are just a few of the reasons organizers are encouraging people to volunteer their time for the Ontario 55+ Winter Games coming to Haliburton County this February.

Being held throughout the county from Feb. 17 to 19, the event is a friendly competition that includes activities such as hockey, table tennis, curling, alpine skiing and more.

To ensure the games go smoothly, organizers are seeking approximately 250 volunteers to help with everything from being a Highlands ambassador to assisting with registration, transportation, accommodations and more.

A volunteer in the 2011 event, Roxanne Casey decided to get involved because of her love of the area.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "You meet all kinds of people ... you're able to generate this enthusiasm for having all of these people come to our county ... volunteers were walking around the street and saying hi to people. By the time all the people left, the comments were amazing about how friendly Haliburton County was."

To date there are about 150 people signed up to volunteer, said Casey, who is the volunteer co-ordinator for this year's event.

This will mark the second time the Winter Games has been hosted in the county, the first taking place in February 2011.

"It certainly is a major event for the county and we had a successful go at it last time and thought we could do it again," said volunteer co-ordinator and Haliburton County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson. "We've asked people who helped with the 2011 games to come back ... certainly many are."

With about 1,000 people registered for the event, Wilson believes there are many benefits to the county hosting the Winter Games, including economic spin-off and a chance to show off the area.

"We've got people coming from all over Ontario so it's an opportunity to say here's what it's like in the wintertime, just imagine what it's like in the summertime," said Wilson.

A new feature for this year's games will be a special dining outing for all athletes.

"This year during the games we're trying to have the participants be able to experience eating at different places," said Wilson.

Those places include local restaurants such as McKecks, but also area features such as the Haliburton Highlands Museum and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, where a catered meal will be provided, said Casey.

The idea is to showcase the gems throughout Haliburton Highlands.

Like in 2011, the games will include an opening and closing ceremony to be hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The ceremonies will be open only to volunteers and will feature local talent, as well as some surprise guests, said organizers.

Organizers say there is a volunteer role for everybody, whether they are personable, organized, energetic or interested in behind the scenes work.

Those who assist with the event will get the opportunity to meet new people, a signature yellow scarf created just for the games and the chance to meet a Canadian celebrity (see page 1).

"They have to wear that scarf when volunteering," said Casey.

Casey said overall those who help out will have an experience they won't soon forget.

"You're going to have a lot of fun, you're going to meet some great people, you're going to have an opportunity to showcase Haliburton County in it's best possible form and you're going to be able to encourage these people, hopefully, to come back at some point in time," said Casey. "We've got all these great places to see here ... and you're going to talk to people about that."

Organizers are looking for a minimum commitment of four hours from volunteers.

Those interested in volunteering can visit www.ontario55pluswintergames.com and click on the tab marked volunteers.

All participants must fill out a volunteer registration form, indicating what role they are interested in filling during the games.



Volunteers are needed to help make the upcoming Ontario 55+ Winter Games a success, like they were in 2011, seen here. Games organizers are looking for friendly people to help greet the 1,000 athletes who will be coming to Haliburton County in February. /File photo

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Funding accessibility

MP Barry Devolin, left, visited the Community Living Haliburton County in Haliburton to announce \$24,005 will go to improvements to accessibility at the Haliburton site from the Enabling Accessibility Fund, as Teresa Jordan, executive director of Community Living laughs. The plan for improvements include an exterior ramp, automated door openers and a washroom renovation. A total of \$172,182 was awarded to six organizations in Devolin's riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Other area projects include Algonquin Highlands township receiving \$32,500 to upgrade the municipal office, the county office in Minden receiving \$50,000 to install a new lift and the municipality of Highlands East receiving \$48,277 to install two lifts, build an accessible washroom and walkway at the Wilberforce Curling Club. The area projects were selected through an application process.

Darren Lum Staff

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HSTA enters a new dimension

Jenn Watt
Editor

Sitting in the corner of professor Barr Gilmore's office at Haliburton School of the Arts, a small cube-shaped machine is quietly buzzing.

About the size of a microwave, the Ultimaker² – a 3D printer – is an unassuming, but exciting new addition to the college's Integrated Design program, still in its first year.

With it, students can design three-dimensional objects on the computer, load the design onto a SIM card, plug it into the machine and within an hour have a small prototype made out of plastic.

"What we use 3D printing for, particularly in integrated design is to create prototypes, so scale models of what the students are working on. This in addition to the laser cutter that we have will help to facilitate some of the students' ideas," says Gilmore, who co-ordinates the program in Haliburton.

Alongside the printer, the college also now has a 3D scanner and a laser cutter, all machines that can turn design ideas from computer images to reality.

On Friday, the machine was still in its infancy, having produced six items that come preprogrammed when you buy it including a small robot figurine, a pyramid and a piece of jewelry.

"Basically the little box on the back feeds the plastic up through the tube and the plastic goes in through the heater and then the heater spits out a stream of plastic," Gilmore explains.

The items are made layer by layer. A tiny robot figurine took 45 minutes to make.

The Integrated Design program consists of three intensive semesters that pack the work of two years into one. It's a combination of practical skills with computers and materials and the academic theory and history behind design.

"What I'm trying to focus on is to develop a designer in each of the students," Gilmore said.

"I want them to focus on finding their design voice."

Eventually, the idea is to open up use of the machines to the larger student population and then to the community.

Applications of 3D printers aren't just about building prototypes. Scientists are working on building replacement body parts such as heart stents with them and foodies have loaded them up with chocolate to make well-designed treats.

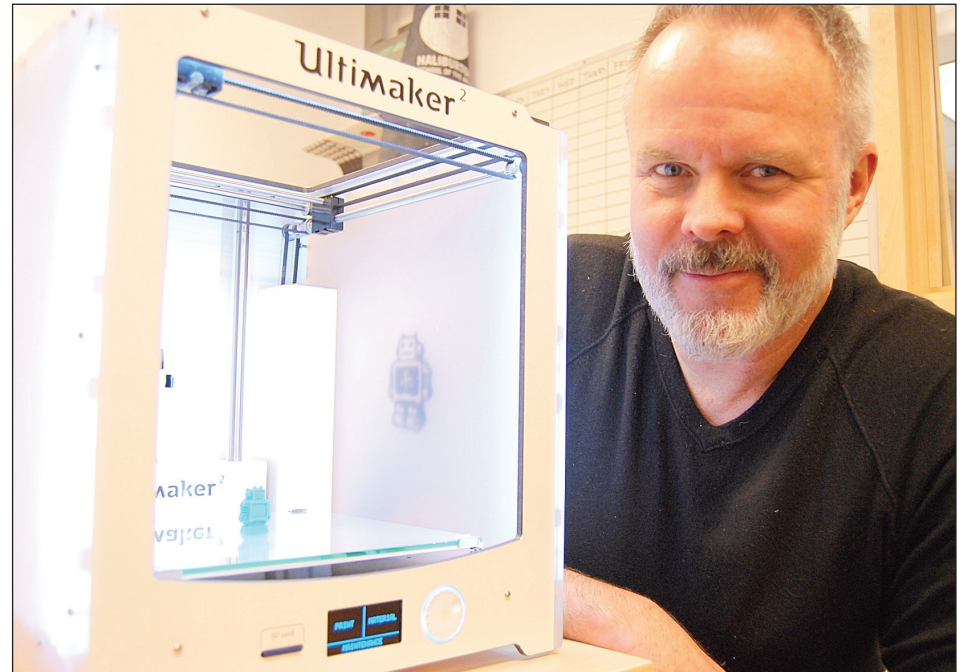
"Who knows what different applications are going to arise out of it," Gilmore said.

HSTA principal and dean Sandra Dupret said the new machines allow students to expand the variety of what they can create.

"3D printers and laser cutters are ideal technologies to incorporate with our craft based programs. HSTA is also in a transition to encompass the field of design and the technologies assist with a smooth transition," she said in an email to the paper.

Dupret said the college intends to introduce the community to the machines as soon as this summer when the first course will be offered.

"As well, we are looking to our community partners to form a Maker Space at the campus that would eventually provide community access to 3D printers, laser cutters and eventually CNC machines," she said.



Above, Integrated Design program co-ordinator Barr Gilmore has been trying out the new 3D printer at Haliburton School of the Arts on Jan. 9 before the students came back from classes. The machine builds three dimensional objects using computer renderings. It will allow students to create their own prototypes of their designs.

Right, a robot created by the new 3D printer at Haliburton School of the Arts stands in its maker, the Ultimaker on Jan. 9. Objects are created from a spool of plastic, heated up and laid down in minute layers.
/Jenn Watt Staff



The new technology puts HSTA in a good position to expand and grow the campus in craft and design, Dupret said.

Highlands East welcomes new writers' group

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Sharpen your pencils, dust off your keyboard.

A new writers' group is emerging in Highlands East and amateurs and professionals alike are welcome to join.

Located in Tory Hill, Keepers of the Muse was launched last Wednesday night by founders Kathleen Way and Shirley MacDuff.

The idea for starting a writing club in the eastern part of the county sprung from Way's own interest in the craft and previous experience with a writing club in Wasaga Beach.

A writer of short stories primarily, Way has been published in various publications, however she took a hiatus from writing during the past decade.

"One day a couple of months ago I got to thinking that a group would be inspirational and push me [back] into writing," she said. "I have a strong passion for writing."

Way is hoping the club will offer support, education and camaraderie for writers in Highlands East.

"Our goal is to attract maybe eight to 10 people," she said. "We would like to keep it as organized as possible, so everybody gets the opportunity to read, be critiqued and also have the opportunity to critique others."

Down the road the group may incorpo-

rate writers contests into the meetings, to help promote local authors, as well as special events.

Way also hopes the club will work with other area writing groups in the county.

With family roots from the Carnarvon area, Way has lived all over Canada and now calls Tory Hill her permanent home.

Keepers of the Muse will meet in a cabin that offers a warm and inviting atmosphere for writers, said Way.

All writing levels and experience are welcome, as well as all ages.

"I got to thinking there's true gems out there that are 16 years old," said Way. "Maybe this is the push they need. So we've opened ourselves up to 16 to 100+."

The group will be sticking primarily to the fiction genre.

Way hopes the group appeals to those who have any interest in writing, whether they have dabbled in it a little or a lot.

"This could be very well just what they need," said Way in regards to budding authors. "We could find our next Stephen King that way ... you never know."

Meetings will take place the first and third Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at 12944 County Rd. 503. There will be no meetings during the summer months.

The club is free for members, however donations are appreciated.

For more information on the group visit www.keepersofthemuse.ca or call 705-448-1067. You can also reach Way by email at kathleen@keepersofthemuse.ca.



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Haliburton is Hockeyville

HALIBURTON and hockey go together like peanut butter and jelly.

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Granted, not everyone is a hockey fan, but the \$100,000 of arena upgrades for first place and second, or even the \$25,000 to make it to the voting round, should give an incentive for everyone to start. (First place also comes with an NHL pre-season game, which this community would not be eligible for due to arena requirements.)

The exposure would be invaluable for tourism and the prize money would not only enhance the A.J. LaRue Arena for hockey, but for all activities and events held in the arena.

Think about the home and cottage show, the quilt show and figure skating.

If you need more reasons to join the effort to win Hockeyville, just remember the loss to local business and our community when the arena was closed for repairs in 2012.

There is no question there is more to our village than just hockey, but look deeper at what the national game means and it's plain to see the value hockey has brought to Haliburton over the years.

It gives us warmth and a feeling of community to sit, shoulder-to-shoulder, cheering a goal, or with our hands on our heads or covering our faces, hoping for the Red Hawks hang on for the win. There is nothing quite like how a puck, two pairs of boots and a bunch of sticks can bring together the young and old on a frozen lake under

an expansive sky to play ice hockey.

This kind of spirit was made abundantly clear last year when close to a thousand people braved frigid conditions in the middle of the night and huddled around a giant screen in Head Lake Park to see the premiere of the locally produced documentary, *There's Something in the Water?*, which shines light on the amazing connection Haliburton has with hockey.



Darren Lum
Reporter

Over the years Haliburton has been a beneficiary of hockey, whether through venerable institutions such as Hockey Haven or Haliburton celebrity Matt Duchene, who is well known for his charitable efforts in the area. Duchene's success in the NHL has been advantageous for our little town. There have been many published examples of his philanthropic work over the years and some we'll never know about.

Haliburton isn't new to large-scale community efforts, whether it be helping Minden residents after the flood, hosting the Ontario 55+ Winter Games or the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship for two consecutive years.

The strength and success behind these community events came from the efforts of all the men, women and children who participated and becoming Hockeyville isn't any different.

It's up to everyone to send in photos and stories about the importance of hockey or the A.J. LaRue Arena.

Let's leave no doubt that we are Hockeyville; the reward will not only benefit the arena, but our entire town.

The deadline for the nomination period is Feb. 8. Go and show your support for A.J. LaRue Arena at www.khv2015.ca.

Use #KHV_Haliburton #krafthockeyville @hockeyville @dysartonline for Twitter and Instagram.



Calm Haliburton Lake

by Darren Lum

Back to basics

HAPPY NEW YEAR Haliburton! No new year resolutions for me. Perhaps a couple of personal goals and wish for a prosperous 2015 for Haliburton Village. January brings us back to basics as we begin anew to create and sustain a dynamic business area. And, back to basics means it's that time of year when we are setting budgets and getting ready for the annual general meeting. But first, do you remember what the letters BIA stand for? Do you know about the ongoing mandate and purpose? Do you know why it is important for you to know these things?

First, BIA stands for Business Improvement Area.

Second, our mandate is to allow local businesses to join together and, with the support of the municipality, to organize, finance and carry out physical improvements and promote economic development. Our purpose is to oversee the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned land and buildings. The BIA works to promote the area as a business and shopping area. We are a not-for-profit organization committed to our community. Each year we work closely with local organizations and partners to celebrate the village and to organize and create special community events.

Third, it is important for you to know these things because you are the life of the village. Your support and involvement is essential to accomplishing the goals. You have an important role in suggesting improvements and activities; assisting in implementation of these; providing constructive feedback; and, in supporting community events through your participation. Active citizens improve their community. Haliburton Highlands is bountiful with people who do this. My challenge to you is to engage in active citizenship at the village level. With more people, the BIA can do more and achieve more.

The 2015 Haliburton Village BIA annual general meeting (AGM) will

take place on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the municipality of Dysart et al. All are welcome. The meeting will include highlights of 2014, the proposed budget for 2015, the election of the BIA executive for 2015 and we will also welcome items from the floor.

The BIA executive is a nine member management board consisting of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, treasurer, secretary and five additional members. The term of office is for one year. To be considered for election to the executive, you must be a member business. If you are a member of the BIA and are interested in serving in this way, please contact me at haliburtonbia@mail.com. If we have more than nine mem-

bers express this interest, an election will be held at the AGM.

If you are an interested active citizen who would like to get involved, we would love to have you. You can attend all meetings if you wish or you can sign up for a special project or event or suggest a new committee or project or event. What would you like to see happen in Haliburton Village in 2015? To get you



started here is a list of some of our BIA committees:

- Banners, flags and flowers
- Fall Decorating
- Christmas decorating
- ColourFest fall festival planning and implementation
- Christmas tree lighting and carol sing
- Winter warm up event
- New sales promotions
- BIA win contest
- Spring sidewalk sale

In addition, the Haliburton BIA supports the many other events that are planned for the village and in the park. If your group is planning an event in Haliburton Village this year, let us know so we can assist you in promoting it. We know that whatever you do is good for us and we want to do our part! Looking forward to another exciting year in this unique little village we call home.



Gayle Stelter
BIA in the Village

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points of view

A matter of being sharp

THIS YEAR, JUST BEFORE the ice fishing season began, I put into effect my yearly ritual. This is something every serious ice angler does.

For the most part this entails faking a debilitating back injury in front of several ice fishing buddies. As every ice angler knows, if you can get away with this, you won't have to drill a hole all winter.

Unfortunately, after nearly a decade of success, my pals finally wised up. Mostly because I dropped my guard and picked up the \$20 bill they had planted in the corner of an ice hut.

This left me no choice but to go with Plan B. Yes, I bought new blades for my auger.

New auger blades are the ice angler's equivalent of getting your skates sharpened before a big game. They suddenly make all those turns much easier and each movement far more efficient.

To be clear, by the latter I mean, if someone ever accidentally swings one of those exposed sharpened blades too close to you, you will have a very efficient movement, often right there in your snow pants.

Sharp blades can cut through the ice like a hot knife through butter. Despite this, many ice anglers avoid purchasing a new pair. It may have something to do with the cost – but honestly, a new blade is hardly more expensive than buying a handful of lures. Less expensive if you consider the medical costs of getting a handful of lures removed.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

I suspect sometimes pride prevents us from buying new blades. You see, among the old-school ice angling fraternity, there is a certain delight in saying, "I sharpen my own blades."

And that's where the conversation ends.

It ends there because, if you were to point out that the blades the person "sharpened" have been drilling the same hole for 90 minutes, that person might suddenly ask you to take over drilling. And since you can no longer point to your lower back and claim a debilitating injury, there goes your whole day.

Alas, it's even more complicated than that.

The other reason we avoid buying new blades is because doing so means you are giving up on "the dream." That dream, of course, is buying a power auger.

No one in their right mind (which describes anyone who ice fishes) wants to let go of that fantasy. In fact, we stay awake at night imagining our buddies drilling hundreds of holes with our new power auger while we sit in a comfortable camp chair and moan occasionally about our fake back injury.

The most important reason for not buying new blades is you do not want to be known as the guy with the sharpest auger. If you take away nothing else from this column, remember this.

The person with the sharpest auger is inviting a world of work in what should be a highly recreational activity. That's because, over the years, ice anglers have learned to avoid borrowing augers by using key phrases like "No, I'll let you drill a hole or two for me. I'd feel horrible if I dulled those sharp blades..."

Knowing all this, you are probably wondering why I bought new blades for my auger.

Well, I did so because they come in handy when you are fishing solo. I'm not crazy though – I tell anyone who asks that I sharpened them myself.

Forget the amount of elevator lifts used in Kim Jong-un's shoes, my razor sharp auger blades are the world's most closely guarded secret. You see I want my friends to keep saying the things they always say about me.

That's exactly what's happening too.

The other day I stopped by the bait shop to load up a minnow bucket. While hand selecting my minnows, I overheard someone say, "There's Steve. Not the sharpest..."

The other person nodded and then replied, "Dull as a hoe."

Clearly, my plan is working.

Even so, next year, I'll pick up that \$20 with my gaff.



pic of the past

The hamlet of Wilberforce is seen here in 1936. Photo courtesy of Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong

letters to the editor

Dysart roads done right

To the Editor,

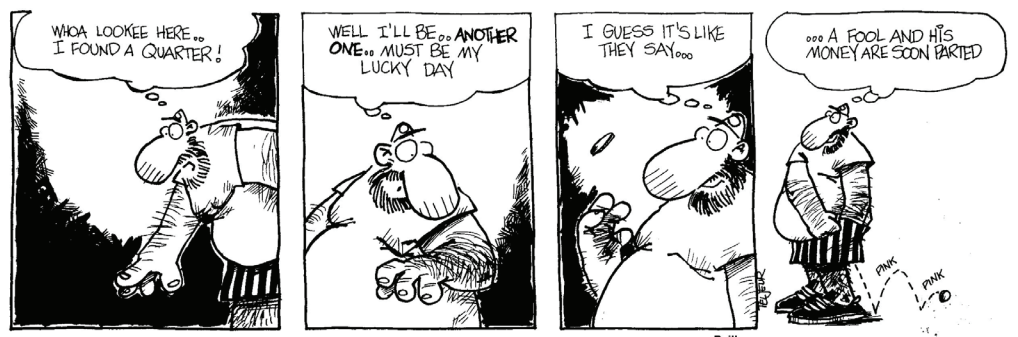
It would seem that with so much discussion recently about the state of our local winter roads, one should give credit where credit is due. I have lived in the Village of Haliburton for the past 15 years and am so very impressed with the snow removal work (roads and side-walks) of the roads department of Dysart. These people should be offering clinics on how to do the job in an efficient and timely manner! We're very fortunate to have pros like them looking after things.

Sean Pennylegion
Haliburton

Bowlathon coming up

Planning for the Places for People's annual bowlathon is now underway. Come out on Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Fast Lane in Minden. Pull your own team together or participate on one of our teams. Spaces are available for either the 12:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. game times. It's a lot of fun, supports a great cause and there are prizes to be won! Visit www.placesforpeople.ca/whats-new/ and contact Lisa Tolentino LisaTolentino5@gmail.com 705-286-4660 or Fred Phipps freddandjudy50@gmail.com 705-457-9694 for more information.

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Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What was the biggest story of 2014 in Haliburton County?

Kat M.J. McLeod

Both the feed company then our Barry Line neighbours Dunloe Farm burnt down and the communities pulling together to help out.

Gord Hoenow

The former [Minden Hills] reeve enjoying her hotdog on Canada Day.

How have you found the roads this winter?

Nicole Freeman

When there was/is snow, the roads are mostly snow covered, very poorly maintained.

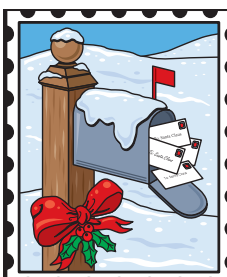
Lyle Donaldson

I have found them snow covered to partially bare sections. The odd day they are bare. Sometimes slushy.

Craig-Sherrie Stamp

Horrendous especially from West Guilford to Eagle Lake

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Local contracting company nominated for prestigious building award

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Receiving a coveted nomination for a building award is a credit to the team effort between local contracting company D&K Contracting and Discovery Dream Homes.

For the past 10 years the two companies have worked closely together and it's their relationship that is at the heart of their success, which is coming to light because of their Kennisis Lake home.

This house was recently short-listed for the best custom single detached home from 2,500 and 4,000 square feet, by the 2014 CHBA National SAM Awards Recognizing Canadian Housing Excellence.

"It's a show of the quality of work that we actually do and to take it to the next step," D&K Contracting owner and operator Kevin Mills said.

He said the credit is not just his, but his team's, Discovery Dream Homes' and all the subcontractors that worked on the

home.

He said this nomination reaffirms his belief that local and area builders and tradespeople are up to the task. Walker's Heating and Cooling, Coty Electric, Pro Plumber and stone mason Middaugh Masonry of Muskoka were subcontracted for the project.

"They're true professionals and they're all from small towns and they're at the top of their game. Most of them are young guys," he said.

Mills said 25 years ago he started in Haliburton County with small renovations to then building multi-million dollar homes.

Now his 26-year-old son Cody is not only working with him but is likely to take over when he retires.

The house is included with a nomination list of four other houses: two houses in Alberta, one in British Columbia and one other home in Ontario.

It was custom designed with the customer input on aesthetics and needs. It took 18 months to complete from design



This Kennisis Lake home, which is from Discovery Dream Homes and local contractors D&K Contracting, was recently short-listed for the best custom single detached home from 2,500 and 4,000 square feet by the 2014 CHBA National SAM Awards Recognizing Canadian Housing Excellence. The results will be known this spring. /Photo submitted

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It's a show of the quality of work that we actually do and to take it to the next step.

— Kevin Mills
D&K Contracting

to construction.

According to the CHBA website, the awards recognize excellence in new homes and renovation design and construction; distinctive community development, innovative technology and construction techniques, remarkable marketing and sales activities and a commitment to green.

Mills said the house features "smart house" technology, which gives the owner the ability to control virtually everything at the house remotely by a smartphone, whether it's unlocking the door for a service person, turning off the lights or opening, raising and lowering blinds. This kind of control implemented at a house using a smartphone is a first for Mills.

D&K Contracting and Discovery have won awards before.

Seven years ago they won a Kawartha Awards of Distinction program award from the Peterborough and Kawartha Home Builders Association.

The results for the SAM awards won't be revealed until this spring.

Winning is all about giving credence to the quality, skills, expertise and the relationships for all parties involved with the project, Mills said.

Kirk Figueira of Discovery Dream Homes said this house is a testament to the relationship and trust that is built between his company and D & K Contracting, the sub-contractors and clients.

"It's the teamwork that we pull off. It's the fun that the client gets to see us working together," he said. "We're creating relationships as opposed to just building your home, designing your home and supplying materials for your home. We're building relationships long after the home has been built."

He said the homeowners would often look to D&K Contracting for anything else related to the property following construction, whether it's plowing the driveway or a future building project.

This is the first time they have submitted a house to the CHBA SAM awards.

Whenever anyone has seen the house they have been blown away, Figueira said.

The owner wanted the best and the right people who could do it.

"It's the best of the best in efficiency, design and operation, whatever, you have it. It just so happened that this client wanted the best of the best. It worked out pretty good," he said.

See the nominees at the CHBA website at www.chba.ca/members-area/your-chba/sam-awards.aspx.



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Luck has nothing to do with tournament's success

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There's no doubt that the past six years of the Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament has been positive for the community raising money for Community Support Services, formerly Community Care Haliburton County, in large part due to the support from the very community it helps.

The Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament organizing

committee chairman Scotty Morrison deflects any credit from himself, praising the local business community and the public that has supported the event. In the past six years he said this event has contributed close to \$200,000 for Community Care.

"That speaks exceptionally well for the business community, the hockey community and everybody," he said. He characterizes the longevity of the event as a tribute to the entire community.

It always gives him a great feeling of satisfaction when he hears from tournament participants who say they love to come here and play.



Scotty Morrison said the entire community is credited for the success of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament the past six years. Raising money for Community Support Services (formerly Community Care), the event is in its seventh year and is at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden from Feb. 6 to 8.

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Discovery Dream Homes & Local Construction company are Finalist in the 2014 CHBA National Sam Awards Recognizing Canadian Housing Excellence..

Kirk Figueira from Discovery Dream Homes would like to congratulate D&K contracting for project managing & building a beautiful Discovery Dream Home on Kennisis Lake, and for being entered into the 2014 CHBA National Sam Awards Recognizing Canadian Housing Excellence.

It takes a lot of dedication from a great number of people, from the very early stages of a site visit, to planning the groundwork that would eventually become a beautiful finished custom home that our clients will cherish forever.

At the beginning of every project, one must listen to the client's needs and wants, understand their budget requirements, review their timelines from start to finish, manage your own crew and sub trades and provide a full accounting log of all bills that have to be paid on behalf of the client. This, I have seen achieved successfully countless times from the initial meeting, to successfully planning the work and continuing on to handing over the keys to the client's dream home. What I enjoy seeing is, long after the keys have been handed over, Kevin Mills continuing to assist with any follow-up requests or tasks his clients require. Dealing with alarm companies, heating systems, plumbing systems and opening and shutting cottages are all part of the "after completion" service Kevin assists in.

It's my pleasure to be working with a team that takes such a great deal of pride & passion in what they do every single day. For the past ten years that I've been working with Kevin and Cody Mills and their team from D & K Contracting, they have always put a great deal of effort in providing the very best in customer service for their clients.

There have been numerous cottages and custom homes completed in the Haliburton County over the past decade that I have been involved with, from small retirement cottages, to large vacation timber frame and log homes. This past year, a dream home was completed on Kennisis Lake for a fantastic client which our company (DDH) submitted to the Canadian Homebuilders Association for their consideration for the best SINGLE DETACHED HOME BETWEEN 2,500 AND 4,000 SQUARE FEET. It is a great honor to be a finalist chosen amongst submissions throughout Canada. Submission finalists are from British Columbia, two in Alberta, and two in Ontario.

At this point, we feel we've achieved what we set out to do, by designing and building a custom vacation home for our client to enjoy with friends and family for years to come. It's an added bonus to be recognized as a finalist for this prestigious award. Congratulations & good luck to the other finalists.

Working alongside D & K Contracting, I know there is a dedicated team of full-time and seasonal workers as well as sub trades that work hard to meet set dates and timelines. They are very much appreciated and should be proud of the work that was done on this project.

I'm looking forward to many more satisfied customers and dream homes to be built in the near future,

If you are interested in designing & constructing your own dream home, please contact:

Kirk Figueira at
kfigueira@discoverydreamhomes.com or 7057610205.
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Discovery Dream Homes.

Discovery Dream Homes is always looking for qualified certified builders to be part of our builder network.

This year's seventh annual event will be held over three days (Feb. 6 to 8) at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre in Minden. It will not only feature quality hockey, but also several former NHL officials and players and a silent auction at the Friday evening Scotty's Pub and Hot Stove Lounge, including music by DJ Ron Murphy.

Committee member and retiree Walter Tose, who has not only been an event organizer the past three years, but also a volunteer driver for community support services, knows the importance of the services the tournament contributes to such as meals on wheels, home support, friendly visiting, supportive housing, transportation and palliative care.

"[These] are really important services that probably some day I'm going to be using," he said, smiling.

Prior to New Year's Eve his mother fell and fractured a bone in her foot, leaving her unable to walk. She has recently moved in with Tose in Haliburton.

"If she didn't have my family what would she do? She'd be relying on the services [Community Support Services] provides," he said.

Last year this event raised more than \$50,000.

Event sponsors are always welcome. There are three levels of sponsorship: gold for \$500, silver for \$250 and bronze at \$100. Sponsors are entitled to promotion and event awards.

The Friday night event Scotty's Pub and Hot Stove Lounge from 7 to 9 p.m. will be MCed by Moose FM announcer Rick Lowes and feature former NHLers Walt McKechnie, Bernie Nicholls and Steve Ludzik and former NHL officials and Hockey Hall of Fame inductees Ray Scappinello and Bill McCreary. Cost is \$10 and will include finger foods from Godfather's Pizza and Smokin' Jake's BBQ Shack. The event's silent auction begins that evening and then ends the next day when bidding concludes at 10 p.m. The featured exhibition game is on Saturday night at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 7 p.m.

Music and dancing will follow with Canoe FM disc jockey Ron Murphy, who will also provide entertainment at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

This year's tournament already includes 17 pre-registered teams in two divisions (open men's and 50+ men's). There are two local teams competing: Cedar Winds: The Sequel and the Haliburton Senior Storm. Seven of the nine teams in the open men's division will have local flavour with a mixture of local and former local players, who used to live in the area.

Games begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and wrap up on Sunday close to 4 p.m.

Morrison assures people that even though the name has changed, it will continue to offer important services. This event helps to ensure such services continue.

"All the great things Community Care did – meals on wheels, transportation to hospitals, security, friendly visiting – everything is all still there and we want to make sure that continues," he said.

He said after seven years it's a good feeling to be part of a successful event, but it's time to think about the future.

"You just wonder how we can change it to keep it as attractive as it has been up to now?"

The answer won't be only left to the organizing committee, but to the entire community, Morrison said.

For more information call 705-457-2941 or 1-855-285-2944 or email bgebauer@hhhs.on.ca or dwalker@hhhs.on.ca.

Hooray for Hollywood

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

here! And, boy are tour buses busy driving folks around Beverly Hills pointing at houses where actors live and do the same things we all do in our houses ... but in the Land of Make Believe ... imaginations see them doing it all with glamour and ease.

Truth is, they're just folks who once upon a time had a dream to be part of the Illusionary Team, went for it and stuck with it until they struck gold.

And, if 90210 isn't right where ol' Maybelle is staying right now, at my old friend, Penny Brumbruiser's rambling Spanish style home (the size of a mini-hotel), don'tcha know, chuckling at the tour buses that pass by every 15 minutes.

You see, Penny grew up in Lake Whaddyathinklmean back when I did ... and followed her dream to break into movies when she was young and beautiful. And as I've mentioned in my column before, what Penny broke was her LEG! First day she got here a Dickie Dee ice cream truck backed into her sending her to the hospital and into the arms of young, handsome doctor Mel Brumbruiser, who swept her off her crutches, married her, and made her the star of his own home movie.

Didn't hurt that Mel became a top Beverly Hills cosmetic surgeon and their son, Jason, became a dermatologist to the stars. So, you can imagine how I felt when

Why if ol' Maybelle isn't back in Tinsel Town U.S.A, where 90210 isn't just a zip code, it's the name of an old hit television series. Where the main industry is making movies and television series. Where actors, directors, producers, writers, costumers, musicians, technicians, talent agents, managers, marketers and promoters not only create and produce hit shows, loser shows and masterpieces ... they also LIVE

Penny picked me up at the airport and looked like she could be my DAUGHTER! Penny's five years OLDER than I am!

Why, Penny doesn't have one line or wrinkle on her face. Sure it's been lifted a time or two, and her neck jowls tucked ... her face peeled and Botoxed ... but, oh boy is she as pretty as ever ... and here I am looking like Rip Van Wrinkled!

Side note: by the time you read this, ol' Maybelle will be back freezing my snowshoes off in Lake Whaddyathinklmean ... but right now, I am here in the Land of Oz where lemon trees grow along side of Birds of Paradise, plump with fruit despite an unusual cold spell that broke into glorious mid-70s temperatures just yesterday ... and skies that are as blue as a baby's eyes.

Yes, this is where "illusion" is Hollywood's main product and the trickle down effect is the general consensus that you MUST look youthful and beautiful ... or move back to Wisconsin (or Lake Whaddyathinklmean), don'tcha know.

Now, ol' Maybelle being a BIG LOVER OF MOVIES feels like a baby in a candy store being here. You see, we don't have a movie theatre in Lake W.

Here, you can't drive along Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood without seeing huge billboards advertising movies that have been nominated for the Golden Globe, People's Choice, Critics Choice, Screen Actors Guild awards and sundry others ... all leading up to the coveted: OSCAR.

So, even on a glorious sunny day, you might find ol' Maybelle happily ensconced in a movie theatre watching one of the top nominated films. My personal favs so far (still have a list to go through) are: *Birdman*, starring Michael Keaton as a once-popular star of super hero movies who tries to make a comeback by starring in and producing a Broadway play. *The Imitation Game*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch as Alan Turing who, with his team, attempts to break the German enigma code and save millions of lives during the Second World War. And, *Into the Woods*, the film version of Stephen Sondheim's dark musical starring Meryl Streep as the witch and Johnny Depp as the wolf, in a story about the main char-

acters of four well-loved fairytales whose lives cross in the woods and what happens after "happily ever after."

Not only am I enjoying seeing great movies ... Penny and Mel took me to a ca-RA-zy movie theatre one night, the likes of which I never even knew existed! It's open to the public, it's just pricy is all ... but well worth a one-time experience.

It's like being in somebody's private screening room. Each seat is a big bulky real leather recliner. That's right. You even get a pillow and blanket to put over you. And for the price of admission, you get all the popcorn you can eat and bottled water. And it's brought right to you. Plus, you can have a smart drink (they're licensed) and dinner right there. Ol' Maybelle ordered home-made chips with salt and vinegar. And, if the youngins who serve you don't bring your stuff to you in the dark and disappear like little elves.

Like I said, it was a hoot. But not something I'd do on a regular basis.

Why, when it comes to watching a movie ... QUIET is all I want. Like one movie I went to see last week ... the guy sitting next to me had a shopping bag size popcorn and ate it slowly and noisily during the entire two hour movie, rattling that bag with every handful. I know what Beanpole Starkman would have done if he were me. He'd have grabbed that bag and pulled it down over the guy's head, popcorn and all.

Never mind. All is good. All is bright. I'm loving eating authentic Mexican, Italian and Japanese food. But my all-time favourite is Penny and my late-night snacks in her kitchen. Like when we were kids. Peanut butter and jam sandwiches. Girl talk. And waxing nostalgic.

That's NOT illusion. That's the real deal. It always gets down to love and friendship that makes ol' Maybelle's heart swell. And, as you read this, I will be back in Lake W with my good friends whom I miss dearly. You know how it is. Real love just makes the heart grow fonder. And it sure makes me feel grateful being alive and well and living on this planet.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com.

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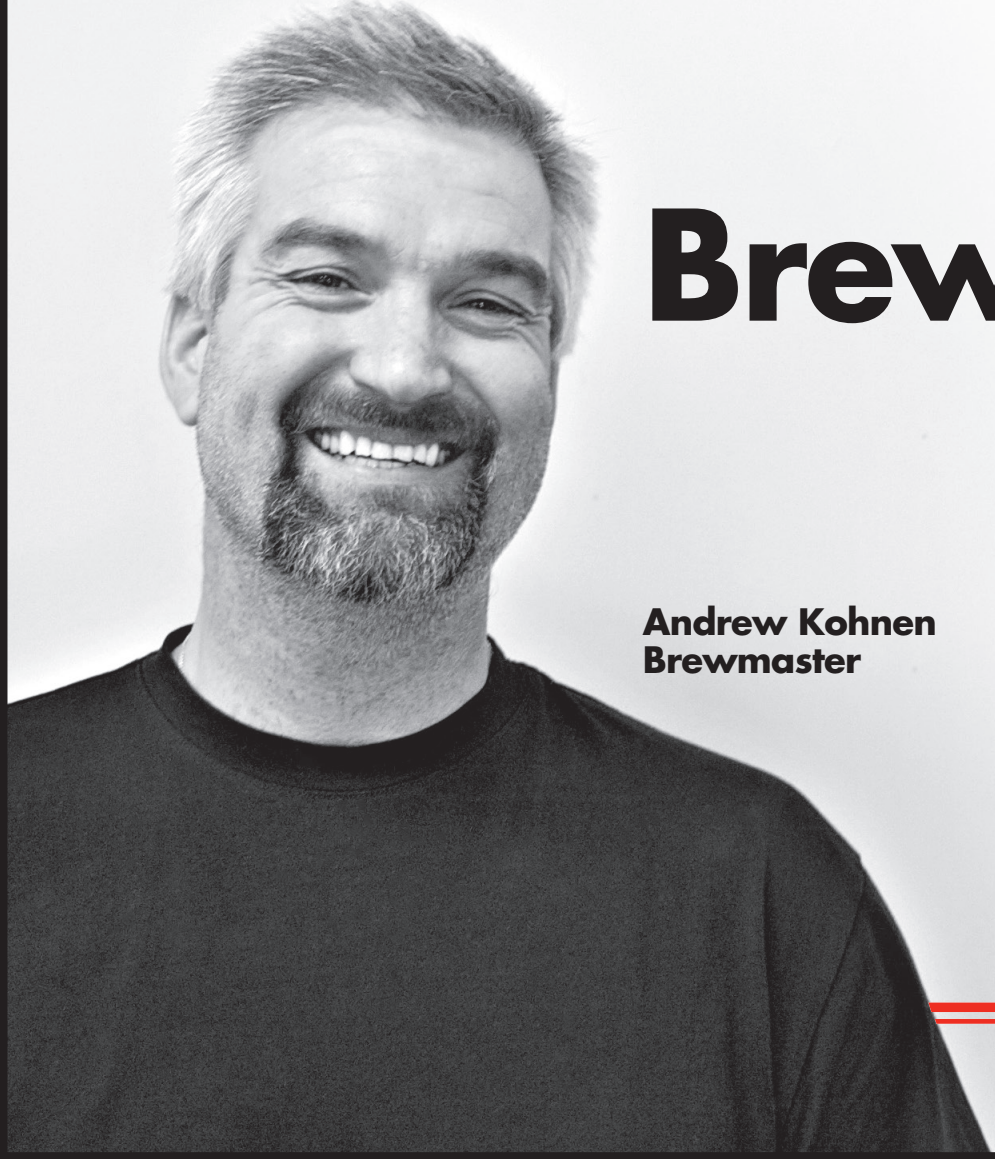
Above, James Hill, centre, and Anne Janelle, right, lead a free ukulele workshop at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The married musicians hail from Nova Scotia.

Bottom left, ukulele players of all levels improve their skills during a Haliburton County Folk Society workshop on Jan. 11.



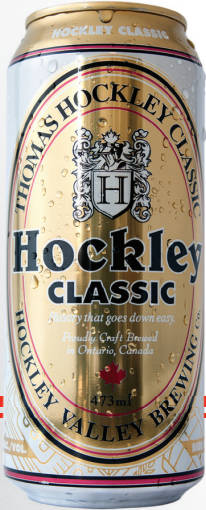
James Hill, right, and Anne Janelle lead a free ukulele workshop at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Jan. 11 following a Razzmatazz children's show they put on. The musical duo taught close to 20 people many of the fundamental basics of ukulele, including chord progressions. The workshop was put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

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Ski program offers outdoor learning for youth

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Those looking for an affordable winter activity for their children need look no further than Glebe Park.

On Saturday, Jan. 10 the annual Jackrabbits ski program saw approximately 70 children age four to 13 bundled up in winter layers, ready to hit the cross-country trails.

The six-week program has been taking place for about 26 years now, said organizer Jane Heyes, whose own daughter went through as a child.

Every Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. those registered are taught the fundamentals of cross-country skiing, as well as an appreciation for the outdoors, trail etiquette, navigation skills, tips on how to stay warm and more.

The program only costs \$25 per child for the entire six-weeks, which is primarily thanks to instructors volunteering their time to teach, said Heyes.

"Without the volunteer teachers it wouldn't happen," she said.

Many of the instructors and volunteers are graduates of the program themselves.

And each child is sure to go home with a smile as every session finishes off with a hot chocolate treat.

To register for the program or for more information visit www.skihaliburton.com and click on Season pass & Registration.



Approximately 70 children bundled up to make their way on skis through Glebe Park on Jan. 10 for the first session of Jackrabbits, a cross-country ski program offered through the Haliburton Nordic Ski Club. The annual program has been running for more than 25 years.



Above, Elli Armstrong, second from left, instructs the Bunnyrabbits on how to ski down a hill in Glebe Park on Jan. 10 during the first session of Jackrabbits, a cross-country ski program offered through the Haliburton Nordic Ski Club. Running for six weeks, the program teaches children age four to 13 many skills including trail etiquette, navigation, dressing for winter and more.

Left, Rick Whittaker leads a group of children through Glebe Park during the first session of Jackrabbits.



Sonya Flatman, right, leads a warm-up of stretches for participants of Jackrabbits in Glebe Park on Jan. 10. Flatman is a graduate of the program, which teaches children how to ski, as well as other outdoor skills. The low-cost program is offered due to instructors volunteering their time.

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2014 Year in Review

January

Haliburton team wins pond hockey division

Haliburton Village played host to the Canadian National Pond Hockey championships on Sunday, Jan. 26 on Head Lake. The town was filled with hockey players who had come from far and wide to play pond hockey. As an added bonus, the "Trailer Park Boys" team from Haliburton won their division at the championship.

Police costs trigger county meeting

Haliburton County councillors planned to hold a special meeting in February to find ways to deal with the impending increase in policing costs. A new funding formula for the OPP, which strives to equalize policing costs throughout the province would be a massive hit to the pocketbooks of the county's four lower-tier townships. Projections suggested increases in the hundreds of dollars per household across the county.



A Toronto Cheapskates player, left, reaches while Trailer Park Boys player Ryan Scheffee passes the puck up the ice at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Saturday, Jan. 25 in Haliburton on Head Lake. The Boys, who are local, won the recreation division. /Darren Lum

Armatec proposes R&D site for Haliburton County

A technological innovation company based out of Dorchester wanted to set up a testing site within the boundaries of Haliburton County. Representatives of Armatec Survivability made a delegation to Dysart et al council in January outlining their proposal for a research and development facility in Harcourt. The company was applying to amend the official plan and the zoning bylaw on a 2,000-acre piece of property near Elephant Lake Road and Benoir Lake. On the property, Armatec Survivability wanted to develop a research and development plant, where the company would test military equipment for Canadian and allied forces.

Chilly doc premiere gets warm reception

Hockey fans and community supporters huddled around the bonfire, bundled in layers of winter clothing, stomping feet and clutching hot chocolates in order to see the premiere of *There's Something In The Water?*, a documentary about Haliburton's rich hockey history. On Saturday, Jan. 25, in -20°C weather, hundreds happily forked out \$20 apiece to shiver together in Head Lake Park in celebration of Canada's national sport and Haliburton's role in creating four remarkable NHL players and attracting many more.



Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 7 student Brittany Hower toboggans at Glebe Park during the Special Olympics on Friday, Jan. 17 organized by J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES). Funded by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Enhancement Grant, the event offered 48 PALS (Practical Academic and Life Skills) from six schools an opportunity to get active, participating in cross-country skiing, tobogganing and snow-shoeing. /Darren Lum

Highlands East accepts proposal for Greens Mountain

Highlands East agreed to move forward on an initiative to turn Greens Mountain into a recreational playground. At their Jan. 28 meeting, councillors accepted a recreation management proposal from DAC Inc., a company based out of Peterborough. Greens Mountain consists of 2,000 acres of Crown land south of Gooderham. The property has been controversial in the past with four-wheelers and non-motorized users both vying for usage.

February

Road conditions rile area councillors

Local municipalities put on the pressure for safer highways with better winter maintenance. U.K.-based company Carillion was in its second year of a 10-year \$11.9-million contract and is responsible for what is known as Huntsville district roadways including highways 118 and 35 in Haliburton County. Before Carillion, the province had a six-year contract with Fowler's Construction, which sub-contracted some of the clearing to Carnarvon's Francis Thomas Contracting Ltd. The difference between the job done by Francis Thomas and Carillion left many upset. Politicians in nearby municipalities, such as Huntsville Mayor Claude Doughty, were angry about the way the roads were maintained. Huntsville council passed a resolution concerning road safety and issued a letter to the province. Dysart council passed a similar resolution, outlining the same concerns.

Residents struggle to keep heat on

The county's social services were put to the test, with consistently bone-chilling temperatures leaving many residents with unusually high heating and electrical bills. Food banks, fuel suppliers and other community service organizations received more requests for assistance than in recent memory as fuel prices rose and incomes stretched to cover the discrepancy.

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Red Hawks athlete Regan Casey shows winning form, finishing with a combined time of 60.65 at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships on Friday, Feb. 14 at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike centre in Eagle Lake. Casey's win gives him an all-provincial berth. /Darren Lum

Gliddon Highlander of the Year

Haliburton's soft-spoken, music loving choirmaster Bill Gliddon was recognized as Highlander of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards gala Saturday, Feb. 22.

From amongst a pool of strong, community advocates, Gliddon was chosen for his well-rounded dedication to the cultural and social well being of the Highlands.

"A gentle man with a big heart, Bill is always thinking of the community first, sharing the harvest of his garden, supporting youth in need and always eager to help when the need arises," said Mike Jaycock, MC for the evening.

Pool committee shares research results

A telephone survey to judge support for an indoor pool targeted at county residents aged 20 to 75 was conducted, with 885 people interviewed by phone. Those results were presented to county council on Feb. 19.

Those results were extrapolated and applied to the county's population, with the study concluding a projected total membership of between 1,600 and 2,230 people would be willing to pay \$45 a month for access to a facility in Haliburton Village. Council received the information with little comment.

Marijuana facility moves forward

The municipality authorized a site plan agreement for a proposed manufacturing /warehouse facility on Industrial Park Road during their council meeting on Feb. 27.

James Trout and Darrell Connors purchased the land from the municipality.

Municipal planning director Pat Martin told the *Echo* the facility was going to be used for a medical marijuana establishment.

Golden smile matches Olympic medal for hometown boy

Haliburton's Matt Duchene won a gold medal with the Canadian men's hockey team in Sochi, Russia in the Winter Olympics.

Duchene's family travelled to Russia to watch the

game and join in the festivities. Meanwhile, in Haliburton County, parties were arranged to watch the gold-medal game and local shops put messages of encouragement up in their windows. The minor hockey league, the Highland Storm, sent over a signed banner cheering Duchene on.

Cold conditions create hot finish for local musher

Hank DeBruin, who runs the Winterdance Dog Sled Tours with his wife Tanya McCready DeBruin, blazed to a solid eighth place at February's Yukon Quest, a 1,000 mile international sled dog race. The Yukon Quest runs from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Whitehorse, Yukon, featured an international field of 18 teams, who came from the U.S., Canada, Sweden and New Zealand.

DeBruin regularly participates in major dogsled races including the Yukon Quest and Iditarod.

Highland Storm minor hockey marks spectacular year

Haliburton County's Highland Storm had an incredibly successful, perhaps even historic, year in minor hockey with three A teams and one AE squad in the provincial semi-finals.

The overwhelming success came not just from talented players, but from consistent focus on teamwork, said peewee A coach and Storm executive member Jason Morissette.

March

Hawks crowned kings of Kawartha League

It was a year of firsts for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team following their top ranking in the league. The Red Hawks managed to beat everyone, AA or AAA for the Kawartha High School Hockey League title for the first time.

Lawsuit costs Highlands East \$42K

Following a freedom of information request filed in the fall of 2013, the *Haliburton Echo* learned that the municipality of Highlands East paid \$41,724 to cover legal fees from the lawsuit filed by former fire chief Don Middleton.

The legal fees are on top of the \$107,818 Middleton was awarded in damages by superior court justice James McNamara on Feb. 1, 2013.

Middleton filed a lawsuit in April 2008 claiming the municipality wrongfully dismissed him. The court ruled in Middleton's favour.

Planning committee votes no on Armatec

There was no confusion about how residents in Harcourt felt about a military testing and research site proposed for the area during a public planning

meeting on March 3 at the Haliburton Legion. More than 200 people packed the room to voice their concerns and opinions about the proposal being brought forth by Armatec Survivability to purchase 2,300 acres of land for the site.

In order for the proposal to move forward, the land on Peterson Road and Elephant Lake Road would have to be rezoned and the official plan amended. The Dysart planning committee recommended that



Red Hawks player Spencer Trueman reaches for a puck against a Fenelon Falls Falcons player in the Kawartha High School Hockey League final at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 1-0 and captured the Kawartha High School Hockey League title. /Darren Lum



Benoir Lake cottager Donna Martin reads a letter written by her granddaughter opposing a proposal from Armatec Survivability at a public planning meeting held at the Haliburton Legion on March 3. More than 200 people attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the possibility of a military testing site moving in to Harcourt. /Angelica Blenich

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council not rezone the proposed property or amend the official plan, both of which were required for the Armatec proposal to go through. Their decision went to council March 24 where it was upheld.

Conference costs taxpayers \$17,700

A group of 13 representatives from the county of Haliburton travelled to Toronto for the annual Ontario Good Roads Association/Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, costing taxpayers more than \$17,700.

The conference was attended by all four of the county's reeves, two deputy-reeves, one municipal councillor, Haliburton County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson and three county roads department employees.

Red Hawks hockey team wins OFSAA bronze

The Red Hawks clutched a bronze medal at the OFSAA championships in Burlington and Oakville, a record setting performance for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's boys' hockey team. The Hawks took down the team from Robert F. Hall CSS in a 5-4 overtime victory. "I told them it was an amazing accomplishment," coach Ron Yake wrote in an email to the *Echo*.

Building dept problems persist in Highlands East

Contractors again complained that they were not getting good service from the building department of the municipality of Highlands East. Those concerns were so great that local MPP Laurie Scott was contacted.

Storm OMHA champion

In front of family, friends and hockey fans, including community supporters, the Highland Storm Bantam A team earned the right to skate victoriously with the A.A. Ash Morrison Trophy after winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship at the end of March.

The A.J. LaRue Arena was packed with community members cheering on the boys, who celebrated in style on the ice following the game.

April

Public weighs in on Greens Mountain

An educational facility, a site for astronomy, observing nature or horseback riding. These are just some of the many ideas people had for what could be done on Greens Mountain, an area of Crown land just south of Gooderham. These ideas made their way to the municipality through a number of meetings being held to get input on the Greens Mountain Recreational Plan, an initiative of Highlands East.

On April 3 a public meeting to gather ideas was held at the McCausland Community Centre, facilitated by David Clark, who was hired by the municipality to help develop the plan.

Armaterc doesn't fight council at OMB

Armaterc Survivability, the company that hoped to create an armour-testing site in Harcourt, decided to take their plans to another community. Following a rejection of their request to amend the Dysart et al official plan to allow equipment testing on the 2,300-acre property on Elephant Lake Road, it was speculated the company might appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

On Thursday, April 10, the project's planner Heather Sadler announced Armaterc would not be pursuing the project further.

"[CEO] Karl [Pfister] said that he didn't want to go where he wasn't wanted," said Sadler in an interview with the paper.

Casey, Roberts vie for deputy-reeve seat

As the six-month mark neared for the fall municipal election, candidates for seats on Dysart et al council were starting to spring up.

Ward 1 Councillor Andrea Roberts announced her intention to run for the deputy-reeve seat, challenging current Ward 2 Councillor Dennis Casey, who declared his interest in the spot earlier in the year. That race was one of the mostly closely watched – and commented on – during the ensuing campaign season.

Longtime business changes hands

In April, local businessman Jerry Walker announced that he had purchased Haliburton's Home Hardware.

On May 1, 1964 Haliburton's Home Hardware was bought by Harry and Ken Langdon, a father and son duo, who eventually handed it over to Ken's son Ray.

The store began as Black's hardware, before becoming Pro Hardware and eventually Home Hardware. Ray sold the business in order to retire.

Pond hockey organizers ask for \$25K annually

Organizers of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships looked to Haliburton County for \$25,000 a year for three years to keep the event in the county.

Neil Lumsden, executive director with J-Core Marketing, the company behind the event, visited county councillors at their April 23 meeting. The pond hockey championships had been held in Haliburton village the past two winters, bringing in about 1,500 people over two weekends to take to the ice on Head Lake.

The county pitched in \$10,000 for each of the 2013 and 2014 tournaments, with councillors hoping the event would become financially self-sufficient.

May

Johnson and Scott face off again

For the third time in seven years, Liberal Rick Johnson squared off against Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott for the provincial seat in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

With NDP leader Andrea Horwath's announcement that her party would not support the Liberal budget tabled May 1, Ontario was in election mode. Election day was June 12.

Canoe FM morning show host bids farewell

On May 2, Canoe FM radio host Mike Jaycock received a standing ovation from dozens of community members who came out to thank the man who has been the narrator of their mornings for the past decade.



Highland Storm bantam A team celebrates its Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship after beating the Mount Brydges Cougars 7-2 on Saturday evening at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm took the best-of-five series in four. They won three straight after dropping the first game. /Darren Lum

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The Pedal for Hope cycling tour rolled into Wilberforce where they shaved the head of Wilberforce Elementary School students such as Michael Rogers, who helped to raise \$105, at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Monday, May 5. / Darren Lum

Jaycock, 72, announced he would be stepping down from his morning spot on Canoe FM for health reasons, after being with the radio station for 10 and a half years.

Success of OPP May Day unclear

While it is difficult to gauge what impact OPP May Day may have had, local politicians were grateful to the county residents who participated in their lobby against the proposed OPP billing formula. The county had asked residents to call and email

the offices of the premier and community safety minister on Thursday, May 1, in protest of the billing model, which would come into effect in 2015.

No \$25K for pond hockey

Haliburton County decided not to fund the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships at \$25,000 a year, but was interested in marketing and branding opportunities.

The request was discussed by both the county's tourism and finance committees on May 14. In April, Neil Lumsden, executive director with J-Core Marketing, the company behind the event, visited county councillors requesting the county provide \$25,000 a year for each of the next three years for the hosting of the event.

Palliative care campaign kicks off

A campaign to raise money for another palliative care unit at the Haliburton hospital kicked off on May 23.

The campaign is an initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, with the goal of raising approximately \$900,000 for the centre.

Local resident hospitalized following ATV collision

Haliburton County hearing specialist and avid musician Gord Kidd was in a Toronto hospital in critical condition following an ATV accident on Saturday, May 31.

At around 7 p.m. on Saturday, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a call that an ATV had been in an accident in Fort Irwin.

According to a press release from the OPP, the ATV collided with a tree on Harburn Road near Dunn Road. Kidd went on to make a swift recovery, returning to music in the summer.

June

Decision on new one-stop housing help centre delayed

Area representatives and social service agencies were reeling after the City of Kawartha Lakes revealed its new plan for an Integrated Housing Help Centre.

A sudden decision by CKL to pull the plan for approval from the agenda at council had given hope to the social service agencies affected by the changes such as A Place Called Home, the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, Women's Resources and the Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge.

The proposed plan was supposed to save money and create a one-stop centre for clients in Lindsay and Haliburton County.

After more work was done on the plan, the Housing Help Centre is set to launch in January. Funding to



Liberal candidate Rick Johnson, who concedes after the polls closed for the provincial election, holds up the hand of riding incumbent Laurie Scott of the PC party last Thursday at Lindsay Golf and Country Club. Scott, who remains the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock representative, was one of 27 PC candidates to win their riding, as the Liberal party won 59 seats for a majority government. Darren Lum

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Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics silver medalist Matt Pheaton had his first all-provincial berth in wrestling from March 5 to 6 in Brampton. Pheaton was proud to represent the Red Hawks and Haliburton at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships. Pheaton finished in the top 16 at the all-provincials where there were 29 wrestlers in his field of 51 kilogram wrestlers.



Like ghosts in the night, Haliburton Forest Trail Run competitors prepare for the start to the 100 mile relay (25 miles each runner), 50 mile and 50 kilometre races close to 6 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The event, which is part of the Ontario Ultra Series Grand Slam, included a 26 kilometre and a 12 kilometre race.



The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers' Jane Boyd, left, and Susan Hill drive through the water of Grass Lake aboard the Susanna Foo dragon boat with 18 others during the last paddle of the first season for the dragon boat club. The club, with the Haliburton County Community Co-operative, purchased the refurbished dragon boat, the Susanna Foo, from the Great White North dragon boating organization of Toronto earlier this year. It went out weekly, four times a week, twice Monday and twice Wednesdays, from July 9 to Oct. 15.



Highland Storm bantam A goalie Parker Smolen, right, kisses the A.A. Ash Morrison Trophy after winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship against the Mount Brydges Cougars on Saturday evening at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm won the game 7-2 to take the best-of-five series in four. They won three straight after dropping the first game.



A group of participants, giving their best impression of polar bears, dive into Head Lake for the annual Polar Dip at Haliburton's Frost Festival last year on Saturday, Feb. 15. The Lions Club fundraiser for Sick Kids Hospital drew 30 participants, including the Belgium Rotary Youth Exchange student.

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Red Hawks athlete Charlene Hicks earned her second trip to the all-provincials for triple jump this past spring. Hicks, now a graduate, is a Kawartha region record holder in triple jump and was a member of several athletic teams, including the Red Hawks field hockey team that went to the all-provincials twice during her time at HHSS.



Red Hawks varsity rugby player Emma Weiss charges forward with the ball against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans defenders during a game on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks tied the Spartans 0-0. Despite the tie, it was the best performance for the fledgling team.



The junior Red Hawks tailback Shane O'Reilly rushes the ball against the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints defender on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks won the Kawartha tier 2 High School Football League Championship in what could be head coach Bruce Griffith's last game.



Stuart Baker Elementary School tyke runner William Burk shows competitive spirit, as he charges to the finishline of the 50 metre dash at the Legion Elementary School Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 31 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton.

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Matt Duchene arrived at Head Lake Park in style for Duchene Day July 6 with a parade of police cars and fire trucks escorting him to the Haliburton Rotary Bandshell. Perched in the back of a convertible with his Olympic gold medal around his neck, Duchene high-fived those lined up along the pathway to watch him arrive. /Zach Cox

other social service organizations has changed due to the creation of the centre.

Bittersweet election for candidates

It was a bittersweet night for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal and PC candidates; Rick Johnson and Laurie Scott did not like the numbers they were seeing as election results rolled in on the night of June 12.

For incumbent MPP Scott, the polls showed she would once again take her seat in Queen's Park, with 21,747 votes, according to Elections Ontario. The provincial outcome, however, was much different, with a Liberal majority and the Progressive Conservatives claiming only 28 seats and party leader Tim Hudak announcing he would not continue on as leader.

Burton declares candidacy for HE reeve

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton filed his nomination papers on June 19 for the upcoming municipal election.

A former two-time councillor in Oro, which has since amalgamated to Oro-Medonte, Burton has been a longtime municipal representative and wanted to keep serving the people of Highlands East for a third term as reeve.

Wilberforce library dream becomes reality

It takes a community to build a library. That was the resounding sentiment amongst those inside the new Wilberforce library branch at the grand opening on June 21.

Community members were out in full force to show their support for the project and admire the new building, which was constructed by Fleming College's sustainable building design and construction program.

About 100 people attended the event, as many individuals, businesses and organizations were recognized for making the dream of a new library a reality



Bruce Cockburn performs at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre during the Forest Festival at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve on Sunday, Aug. 17. /Nate Smelle



Dysart et al Councillor Dennis Casey and Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Kate Butler donned their Victorian garb for a sesquicentennial celebration of Haliburton Village in Glebe Park on Aug. 9. /Chad Ingram

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Uncertain future for pond hockey

The Canadian Pond Hockey Championships organizers indicated it was highly likely the event would not return to Haliburton County.

"I think it's a done deal," said John Teljeur, one of the event's chief organizers.

"The past month or so we've trying to find a way to keep it here."

In May, county council turned down a request from J-Core Marketing, the company behind the event, to fund the tournament at \$25,000 a year for each of the next three years.

Council did agree to sponsor the event at \$10,000 a year for three years in return for promotional marketing.

However, Teljeur said organizers needed more to keep the event out of the red.

County supports project to rejuvenate shorelines

Haliburton County supported the Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners' Associations in a project promoting the re-naturalization of the county's shorelines.

CHA president Paul MacInnes spoke to county councillors during their June 25 meeting, stressing there is a direct correlation between natural shorelines and the health of flora and fauna in lake ecosystems. "Without them, they wouldn't be alive," MacInnes said, adding that 80 to 90 per cent

of species require naturalized shorelines in order to survive.

Roads wash out across county

A storm that dropped between 50 and 80 millimetres of rain on Haliburton County washed out several roads, leaving residents stranded and roads workers scrambling June 30.

The unusual amount of rain, the day before Canada Day, shifted roads departments across the county into high gear with fewer workers available and more traffic.

"We had a heck of a time getting enough people to barricade things [right after the rainfall]," said Haliburton County director of public works Doug Ray. On Monday evening, after the major deluge, workers hurried around the county putting up signs to stop drivers from attempting to pass over dangerous ground.

Tuesday morning, workers started repairs and then another heavy rain came along.

"We get heavy rains in this time of year," said Ray. "We kind of anticipate and get ready for that, but this came so fast."

The county closed three of its roads due to water damage: 21 between Haliburton and Minden; 10 north of Loop Road near Wilberforce; and 14 north of Highway 118 toward Eagle Lake.

July

County reps pleased with Naqvi meeting

Haliburton County councillors took their concerns with the proposed OPP billing model to the province on July 3 and were happy with the feedback, although it remains unclear what a new funding formula might look like.

A delegation from the county travelled to Queen's Park for a meeting with Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi.

Pond hockey group makes exit official

In July, The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships organizers officially announced they were not returning.

"After many conversations and extending the deadline by a few weeks, we are now in a position where we have to make a final decision on the CNPHC for 2015," a release from chief organizer Neil Lumsden reads. "We know there has been much work done behind the scenes in the last few days and we appreciate this effort – as it has been our hope all along that we can make a solid business case to return to Haliburton as was outlined in our presentation to the county back in May of this year."

Private school leaves town

After a three-year effort, the St. Peter's All Canadian Hockey School packed up its school supplies and relocated from Haliburton to Amherstburg, just south of Windsor.

The decision to move was a long and difficult one, said school owner and headmaster Peter Thyrring. "We tried, three years we tried," he said. "I'm very sad about leaving ... we really suffered."

The headmaster made the decision to move the school after the May long-weekend, realizing it was not financially feasible to continue operating in Haliburton, he said.

Duchene drives Foundation event to success

It was more than a perfect day for the Matt Duchene Gold Medal Golf Classic, as it helped raise \$65,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Palliative Centre at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in July.

With 184 golfers, 200 people for the evening dinner that followed the day of golf and more than 30 volunteers, the event was a resounding success for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This event, which was headlined by Matt Duchene, helped to bring the total for the Making Moments Matter Campaign to \$600,000 of the \$900,000 goal.

Schmale becomes next Tory candidate

On July 31, Jamie Schmale was acclaimed after being the only one to submit an application to be the



Ward 4 incumbent and candidate Joan Barton, far right, answers a question at the Highlands East all candidates meeting on Sept. 23 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The meeting was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Haliburton chapter of CARP. Issues tackled included bringing jobs to the area, the new OPP billing model and tax breaks. Angelica Blenich

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riding's PC candidate during the party's 14-day nomination period. A lifelong conservative who grew up in Bobcaygeon and now lives in Lindsay, Schmale has served as current MP Barry Devolin's executive assistant for the past 10 years. Prior to that the 39-year-old was a broadcast journalist, working his way up to news director of CKLY radio in Lindsay. "I'm excited and humbled that the members had confidence in me to represent them in the next election," said Schmale.

August

Friends recognized for support of local libraries

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library were thrilled upon hearing they were the 2014 winner of the Gabriele Schreiber Friends of the Year award, presented on behalf of the Friends of Canadian Libraries.

The award is given to a friends of a library group that exemplifies support of public libraries through volunteerism, fundraising and public awareness.

Bishop finds the edge, winning Roots title

Jacob Bishop came through in the clutch, outperforming the competition in the Root Wake Series' final event in Bala to take the overall season title for the rookie boys 17 and under class. "I wanted to go out have fun and do my best," he said. "I was feeling pretty confident."

Chief building official in Highlands East resigns

After seven years as the chief building official in Highlands East, Randy Dunsmore hung up his tool belt. Dunsmore resigned from his position on Aug. 1, according to a press release issued by Highlands East on Aug. 5. Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said Dunsmore gave him his resignation letter personally. "He tendered his letter, it was made out to me," said Burton. "He thanked us very, very much for his years here and he enjoyed most of it."

Body of missing woman found

The Ontario Provincial Police confirmed a missing Haliburton woman was been found dead. Const. Carrie Lanning of the City of Kawartha Lakes detachment told the *Haliburton Echo* that 33-year-old Kalie Ma's body was located on Friday, Aug. 15. Ma was found in Head Lake in Haliburton Village.

OPP costs to increase by millions

The billing formula, designed to redistribute OPP costs more evenly throughout Ontario, was unveiled

by Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi in an Aug. 14 teleconference. The new OPP billing model increased Haliburton County's annual policing costs from approximately \$3.3 million to approximately \$6.5 million during the next five years.

"I'm disappointed," said Highlands East Reeve and County Warden Dave Burton, noting that members of county council had met with Naqvi on July 3 to discuss concerns with the model the province had been proposing. "The minister had said to members of county council there would be nothing done, that he was going to come back, consult with us, before any final decision was made."

Parker, Fearrey compete for reeve seat

On Friday, Aug. 22, two familiar faces filed their papers almost simultaneously for the top spot in Dysart et al.

Former councillor and owner of Parker Pad and Printing, Janis Parker announced she was running for reeve in the morning and only a couple of hours later, the current Reeve Murray Fearrey joined the race.

Over the next two months, the two did battle for the seat, aggressively campaigning.

Man survives bear encounter

A 30-year-old resident of Haliburton was OK after coming face-to-face with a bear on Sunday, Aug. 24. Thomas (TJ) Wilkinson was at his home on Wonderland Road going about his regular routine when the unexpected happened.

During the evening hours Wilkinson opened the door to let his French bulldog, named Hugo out. Shortly after he heard a loud yelp. "I opened the door and saw that the bear had my dog in his mouth," said Wilkinson.

He turned back towards his house to try and find something to make a loud noise with, but in moments the bear turned on him. "Within the time I turned around to get something the bear was charging at me," he said. Wilkinson put his arms up to defend himself but said the bear grabbed him and bit his side. He was able to then break free and get inside the house, as was the dog.

Draft plan sees managed trail system on Greens Mountain

Following months of planning meetings, public

input, research, consultation and brainstorming, residents of Highlands East had an idea of what managed recreation on Greens Mountain could look like.

A public meeting held on Aug. 25 at the McCausland Memorial Community Centre gave those interested a chance to see the proposed draft recreational management plan for the hill, which is an area of Crown Land located south of Gooderham.

Facilitated by David Clark of DAC Consulting, the draft plan included input from stakeholders, adjacent landowners, user groups and more.

The proposal includes creating a network of managed trails and perhaps a brand for Greens Mountain. On top of the existing trails, which include approximately 16 kilometres of trail, the proposal suggests creating 84.6 kilometres of new trail. Clark estimates it would cost \$241,500 to create new trails and \$41,500 to refurbish the existing trails.

Bear injures cottager, dog

On the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 31, Deanne Taenzer was out walking her two dogs on a trail near her cottage in Harcourt Park.

"I saw that it was a black bear coming over," said Taenzer. "The bear came right to us."

Despite taking precautions to ward off the bear, it engaged with Taenzer, who ended up having her thumb bitten by the bear.

She said she fought back and was able to get away with the help of her dog. Both dogs and Taenzer got away OK.

The MNR did not consider the bear predatory.

September

Two-way race for HE reeve

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton found himself with a competitor in the municipal election.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Steve Cosentino filed his nomination papers to run for the top spot in the eastern part of the county.

Cosentino, who divides his time between Highlands East and Whitby, chose to put in his name to give residents a choice in the upcoming election.



Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey greets the Diosces of Toronto Anglican Church of Canada Archbishop Colin Johnson, who is the metropolitan senior bishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, on the Haliburton docks on Sunday morning, Sept. 28, as part of the 150th anniversary for St. George's Anglican Church. The church's choir sang Te Deum Laudamus (We Praise You Oh God). A ceremony followed the ceremony at the docks. /Darren Lum

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"I think that it's important in democracy to have a conversation," he said. "With no one else running, there is no democracy and no conversation."

New name, same Community Care, director says

Community Care Haliburton County has been through several major changes since it was formed in 1980 and the newest change – integrating with health services in the county – is just another chapter, the organization's executive director said.

At the Community Care volunteer appreciation dinner in Eagle Lake on Sept. 14, staff and volunteers took turns at the mike telling stories about the value of the organization that provides a range of services for seniors and people with disabilities.

"We may have a name change. We had one already. ... Now we're going to change under Haliburton Highlands Health Services," executive director Maureen Rutting said.

A.J. LaRue arena to recognize local hockey greats

Some familiar hockey faces will be showing up at the A.J. LaRue arena in the future.

At the Sept. 22 meeting of Dysart et al council, Charlie Teljeur proposed dedicating doors at the newly renovated arena to local hockey greats.

With an area that has deep roots in hockey, Teljeur thought a Haliburton Hockey Hall of Fame would provide a "better way to show that," he said.

The doors on the dressing rooms would have vinyl

wraps featuring a photograph and write-up of the player. Players Teljeur was proposing to highlight were Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Walt Mckechnie, Matt Duchene, Cody Hodgson and well-known hockey camp Hockey Haven.

The seventh door, on the referees' room, would be appropriate to honour long-time NHL referee Scotty Morrison, he said.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested having a section at the arena dedicated to recognizing great local players from before the NHL existed.

'Enviro-heroes' announced

An Enviro-Hero is an individual, business, or organization who has made an outstanding contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, green business or the arts in Haliburton County.

Mikaela Kauffeldt, Paul MacInnes, Mark Brohm and Walter Ozog were recognized at the Land Trust's Wild About Nature Gala on Sept. 28 at the Bonnie View Inn.

Haliburton cottager finds debut novel on Giller prize long-list

Wenona Lake cottager Jennifer LoveGrove found out in September she was nominated for the Giller prize. *Watch how We Walk* was placed on the long-list for one of Canada's most prestigious – and lucrative – writing awards.

The fictional story was about a family of Jehovah's

Witnesses who encounter a tragedy.

October

County ready for retirement residence

Haliburton County has the right conditions for a retirement residence, a market feasibility study found. There is a strong demand in the market for a facility that would provide independent supportive living – help with meals, housekeeping and social activities – in a 120-unit building, the study says.

Fred Schleich, president of Care Planning Partners, was commissioned by Haliburton County Development Corporation to do the report and presented his findings at the corporation's annual general meeting on Oct. 8 at Pinestone Resort.

Fill the Truck marks third year with more than 16,000 pounds of food

There was a sea of cereal boxes, pasta noodles, bags of flour, cans of soup and more at the Haliburton Legion on Oct. 8.

No, it wasn't for a Thanksgiving feast, but to help feed Haliburton County as the third annual Fill the



The remains of The Great Haliburton Feed Company continued to smoulder on the morning of Nov. 14, following a fire that destroyed the building. Cats and rabbits perished in the blaze that started around 11 p.m. Nov. 13 and kept Dysart firefighters busy until 4 a.m. Nov. 14. No human injuries were reported. Donkeys kept in a separate building on the property were OK. / Jenn Watt Staff



Heather Phillips, left, and Teresa Smith organize non-perishable food items at the Haliburton Legion on Oct. 8 during the annual Fill the Truck campaign. Now in its third year, the campaign challenges local businesses, organizations and individuals to collect items and money to be donated to area food banks. The donations were then dispersed to the Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks. / Angelica Blenich

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Truck campaign marked another successful year. Organizers were busy unloading bags and boxes of non-perishable food items at the Legion, to be dispersed to food banks in Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and Cardiff. Close to 60 businesses, organizations and individuals donated to this year's effort, spearheaded by local "food crusader" John Teljeur.

Donation to outfit 50 kids for hockey

Ninety boxes of new hockey equipment from the NHL Players Association was donated to the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association. It was enough gear to outfit 50 players. It came from the Players Association Goals and Dreams fund on behalf of Haliburton's NHL player Matt Duchene.

Cabin Pressure films full season in Haliburton

The Haliburton Highlands will be the backdrop for 13 episodes of Cottage Life TV's second season of *Cabin Pressure*. Hosts Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan were in the county filming for more than six weeks, documenting the extreme renovation of a cottage the pair purchased together on Drag Lake near Haliburton. "We love the whole spirit of cottaging," McAllister said. "We're having a great time in Haliburton."

Fearrey, Roberts win top spots

There were winners and losers in the Dysart et al election, with a shift in the political landscape taking place on Oct. 27. With results rolling in during the wee hours of Oct. 28, after a four-hour wait due to election difficulties, incumbent Reeve Murray Fearrey reclaimed his seat as the head of council. With 3,075 votes, Fearrey surpassed rival reeve candidate Janis Parker, who received 2,639 votes. Another hotly contested race was that of the deputy-reeve position, where councillors Dennis Casey and Andrea Roberts were vying for the seat. In the end Roberts won by a margin of about 600 votes, claiming 3,048 ballots in her favour. Casey received 2,428 votes. Other winning candidates were Susan Norcross, Nancy Wood-Roberts, Tammy Donaldson, Derek Knowles and Walt McKechnie (acclaimed).

Devolin recalls attack on Parliament

During the eight-hour lockdown of the Parliament building, local MP Barry Devolin was in the caucus room along with his colleagues with very little to drink or eat, unsure of what was happening or when he would be allowed to leave. The daylong ordeal on Oct. 22 was surreal, Devolin said. "This guy ran right by our door – an unlocked, unguarded door – he ran right past it with the gun. If he had just ... thought, 'instead of running straight ahead, I'm going to hang a left here,' he would have burst into the room with 200 Conservative MPs and senators including the prime minister and all the ministers," he said. The man had killed a reservist in Ottawa, before heading to the Parliament buildings where he was killed by the sergeant-at-arms.

Highlands East residents see similar council re-elected into office

All but one incumbent was re-elected in Highlands East, with Reeve Dave Burton returning with a solid majority of support. In total Burton received 1,959 votes, compared to rival candidate Steve Cosentino's 1,350 votes. Other winners were Suzanne Partridge, Cam McKenzie, Cec Ryall and Joan Barton.

Local Mason wins prestigious honour

A member of Haliburton's North Entrance Lodge #463 was been awarded the highest honour that can be conferred upon a Mason in Ontario. Ron Mark received the prestigious William Mercer Wilson Medal at North Entrance Lodge in a ceremony attended by his family and more than 100 Masons, some of whom came from as far away as London and Ottawa.

November

Jim Blake given volunteer award

On Nov. 11 Blake was recognized for his many contributions to Haliburton County as he is awarded the Brian Desbiens Community Service Award at the

Fleming College campus in Peterborough. An honour dedicated to the spirit of volunteerism, the award is given annually to a member of the Fleming College faculty and an outside individual. Blake received the external award, while Frost Campus faculty member Josh Feltham has been chosen for the internal recognition.

Ghomeshi sparks Scott request

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott asked the province to create an all-party committee to review and improve legislation dealing with sexual harassment in Ontario workplaces. Scott, who is the Progressive Conservative party's women's issues critic, made the request in the legislature on Nov. 3.

Feed Company destroyed by fire

175 Industrial Park Road looked more like a scrap yard than the site of a pet supply store days after a fire ripped through the building, killing cats and rabbits and reducing The Great Haliburton Feed Company to rubble. Eighteen firefighters worked through the night Nov. 13 and into the early hours of Nov. 14 to stop the spread of the blaze, the cause of which is unknown.

Out of fuel, plane crashes in park

A plane crash in Algonquin Park claimed the lives of two young men from North York. The incident took place about 20 kilometres south of Whitney at about 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 11.



Dysart et al firefighters and Algonquin Highlands firefighters work to contain a fire at Dunloe Farm on Barry Line on Dec. 10, near West Guilford. The two-storey house was entirely destroyed. /Jenn Watt Staff

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Logesh Lakshmikanthan, 25, was the pilot of the aircraft, while 31-year-old Ravindran Arulanandar was the passenger.

An investigation into the crash revealed the cause was the aircraft running out of fuel.

Food centre gets \$141K

Construction is set to start this spring to create a new food centre in Wilberforce to house goods for the food bank and create space for community programming around food.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced the municipality of Highlands East would receive \$141,300 "to increase access to food and skills required for healthy, affordable nutrition by building an addition to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre."

Project co-ordinator John Teljeur said he was confident funding would come in for the project, which seeks to create a food hub in the hamlet.

"The idea obviously is we're going to have the space now to get food when food's available and not worry about minimum orders," he said. An issue small food banks regularly have is the inability to take large quantities of food when offered because they don't have the space.

Long-time Haliburton café closes its doors

On Saturday, Nov. 22 the Village Donuts opened and closed its doors for the final time, closing at 3 p.m.

Owner Shannon Cole said the sales were gone, when asked why she was closing. She has tried to stay open, but had to make the hard decision.

She thanked her patrons and the community for supporting her.

Shoreline program gets cash infusion

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association received more than \$100,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help keep area lakes and shorelines healthy.

The funds are going towards the Love Your Lake program, which conducts shoreline evaluations and restoration, said CHA chairman Paul MacInnes. They received a total of \$111,800 from OTF, to be rolled out over a four-year period.

December

System glitches delay OW payments

170 payments to Ontario Works recipients in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes were late in early December. Using a new system implemented by the provincial government in November, the social services department had been tracking missed payments in addition to other payment discrepancies throughout the month.

'They saved my life'

Darlene McConnell is sure if Barry Miscio and

Joe Voicey hadn't driven down the Barry Line on Wednesday morning, Dec. 10, she would have died. Disoriented, calling for her husband Dale, Darlene woke up in her basement bedroom to a house full of smoke. The men saw smoke and investigated. Hearing McConnell inside, they crawled in, found her and dragged her out. The fire department and OPP said they were looking into awarding Miscio and Voicey for their bravery.

Radiothon nets local food banks

\$17,960

Haliburton County showed its holiday spirit, giving \$17,960 to area food banks for the ninth annual Moose FM Radiothon. County residents phoned in or walked in with their donations to the station. On-air host Rick Lowes enjoyed being part of the event, but said the credit belongs to the generosity of the people in the county.

"It's a great feeling. We're like the facilitators ... or a conduit, I suppose, from the public to the food banks. It's great to see that so many people in the community are generous and willing to help out the community," he said.

Girls take gold at Lake Placid

Just as Santa was going by in the Lake Placid Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 13, the Red Hawks girls' hockey team head coach Dan Marsden wished for his team to have three more wins at the Canadian Hockey Enterprises American Cup Tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. His wish came true. Teamwork and executing what they practiced, the girls came together.

"We always joke, [but] they're actually starting to listen. We practice and practice, do drills and try to tell them what to do, show them what to do in a drill and sometimes things start clicking," he said.

Taking the team concept to heart, the Red Hawks girls' hockey team was rewarded for its focus and was still basking in a golden light days after.

Dysart hires full-time recreation co-ordinator

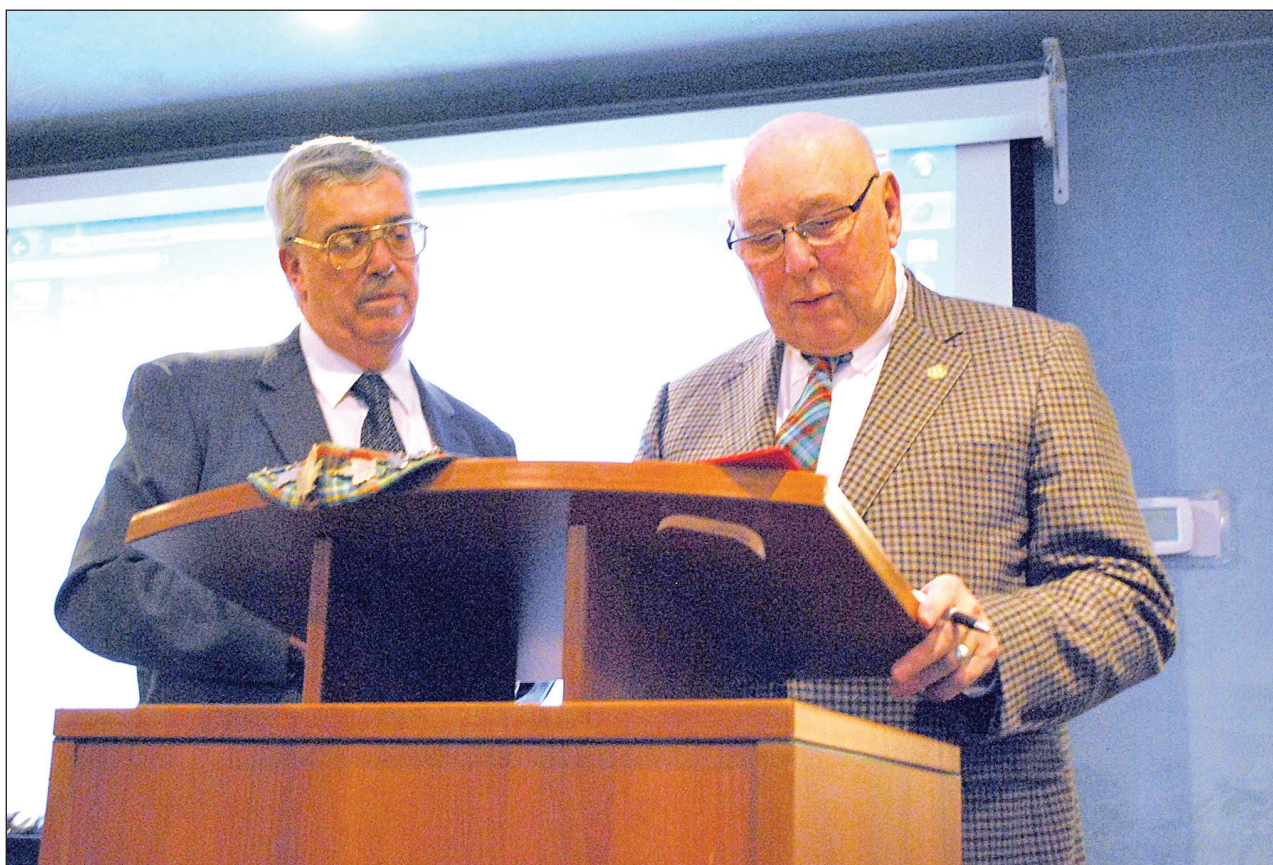
The future is looking to be full of fitness and activities for the residents of Haliburton as the municipality announced last week it will be hiring a full-time recreation program co-ordinator. Starting Jan. 1, 2015, Andrea Mueller is the municipal recreation co-ordinator for Dysart et al, a position she has held on a contract basis through a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport in 2013.

Fearrey warden for 12th time

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was named warden of Haliburton County for 2015.

It will be the 12th time he's held the post. Fearrey was elected to the position by his county council colleagues at the inaugural meeting of the new council in Minden on Dec. 16. County council consists of the reeves and deputy-reeves of the four lower-tier townships.

"I've always known that when Murray speaks, we know what he's thinking, and I really admire that," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, as she nominated Fearrey.



Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey reads his oath of office to become warden of Haliburton County for the the twelfth time during the county inaugural on Dec. 16. Chad Ingram

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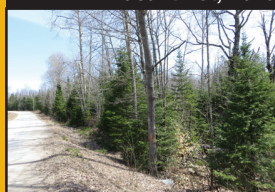
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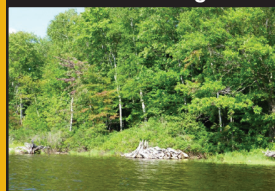
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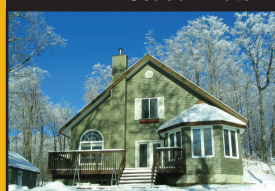
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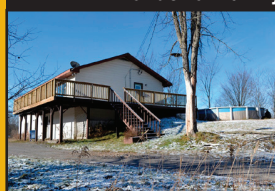
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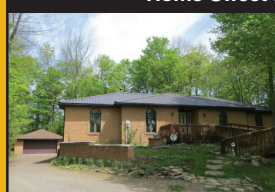
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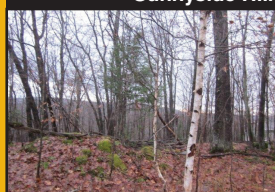
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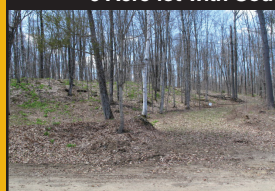
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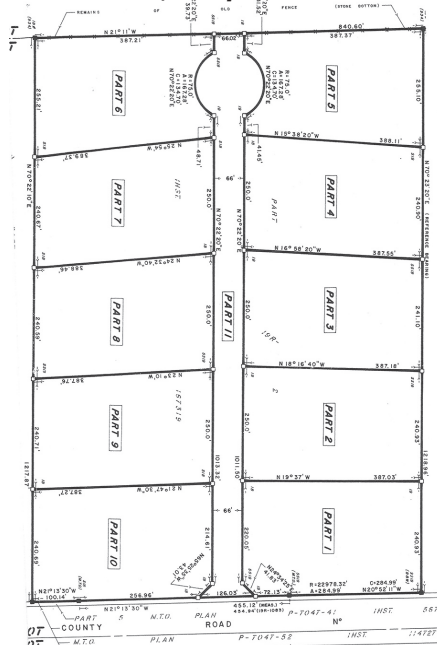
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Changes to dental programs trouble health unit

The local health unit is warning that changes to dental programs delivered by Ontario health units could lead to a service gap that will hurt vulnerable children locally, and across the province.

At the November meeting in Cobourg, board of health members heard from Dr. Laleh Sadeghi, the Director of oral health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit about concerns over the proposed integration of dental health programs offered to children and youth. While the program integration is designed to make it less confusing for families looking to access dental care, Dr. Sadeghi told the board that two related changes being considered by the Ontario government are worrisome for the local Health Unit:

Health units would no longer be required under the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) to offer preventive dental services to children in their communities. The OPHS set out the services and programs that health units are mandated to provide. The dental preventive services have been shown to be very effective in reducing cavity rates among children, according to the health unit, and their loss could mean more local children suffer from dental problems.

As part of the integration, some children with urgent dental conditions will no longer be eligible for one full course of dental treatment to restore dental health, as is currently offered through the Children in Need of Treatment program.

"There is a real fear that these changes will lead to a decline in the oral health of children in our community," said Dr. Sadeghi.

In her presentation she noted the changes are particularly concerning in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, where there is a higher rate of tooth decay among Kindergarten students. Over the last three years, health unit screening in local schools has found approximately 37 per cent of junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten students suffer from some form of tooth decay.

"The rate of tooth decay among young children is on the rise," Dr. Sadeghi notes, "and that is worrisome when we know that dental infection, if left untreated, can cause pain and prevent children from being able to properly eat, speak, sleep and learn."

The board approved a resolution and motion to send a letter to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and provincial health minister Dr. Eric Hoskins outlining the concerns. Copies of the letter and resolution will also be circulated to other Ontario health units for their information and support.

The changes will create "a new service gap that will result in an oral health disparity for these vulnerable children," the board of health letter reads in part.

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Single-vehicle rollover

Firefighters from the Minden Fire Department stand by a pickup that was left on its side, following a single-vehicle rollover on County Road 21 just minutes outside of Minden near the Highway 35 and County Road 21 junction on Friday morning, Jan. 2. The Ontario Provincial Police said speed was a factor in the collision and no charges were laid. The eastbound pickup rolled twice after it left the road and struck a 911 sign. The lone driver had minor injuries. The Haliburton County Paramedic Service, the OPP and Hydro One were on the scene. /Darren Lum Staff

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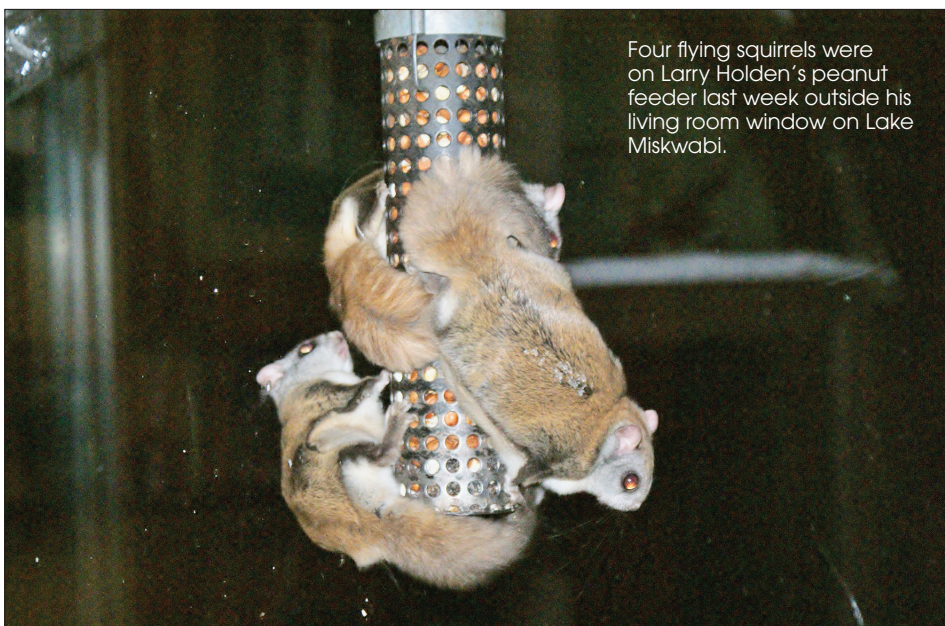
The anticipation of Christmas has come and gone

Gerald Irish
A Senior's Moment

Gone!
The anticipation of Christmas.
The hauling all the boxes of Christmas decorations out of storage.
The erection of the tree.
The choice of decor, lights, balls, garland, etc.
The placement of favourite ornaments representative of the season about the home.
Gone! All gone!
After the conclusion of the festivities, reality sets in. All of this stuff has to be put away again for another year.
This is a wonderful opportunity to reorganize the storage room if one really feels like it or one could just go and sit down until that thought passes.
Now comes the rest of the winter. Snow, cold, icy conditions and longer darker days and evenings.
Walking the dogs the other day made

me more aware of winter's presence when the lake started to moan and groan as the lake ice formed its cold mantle over the waters.
What a lonely sound!
Whoever said the call of the loon is mournful has not experienced the moaning of ice forming on a lake as its waters are trapped and encased in a cold shell.
Watching my dogs roll in the looser snow cover. Watching their curiosity as winter's crunching noises hit their ears. Watching to make sure they don't show signs of becoming too cold and their little paws don't get too cold. And seeing a bald eagle sitting on a branch of a broken tree caught in the ice in the lake, made me come to my senses.
This is Haliburton!
Instead of being depressed about facing this season, I should count my lucky stars that I am here and just get on living and coping with the winter of 2015.
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Sports

Hawks basketball team driving for playoffs

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The past several weeks for the Red Hawks senior basketball team there have been some ups and downs. Last week's interlock games – when teams that don't play in the regular season play each other – at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School proved to mimic this trend, as the team lost and played strongly, looking to continue its strong play in the second half before the game was cut short minutes after the halftime due to a power outage that left everyone in the dark.

Hawks head coach Dave Waito loved what he saw, believing his team had a strong chance at evening up the day's record.

"You see our defence sometimes leads to offence. That's what it was. They played such a good press on them and it was leading to a much more aggressive offence. It was working really well," he said.

Although the Hawks didn't get to finish out the game, he believes the team can still use this to move forward to this week's game.

Hunter Smith still managed to score seven points in the shortened game to lead the Hawks.

Waito said the team needed the turnaround after the morning's loss to the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints.

The Hawks, Waito said, came out very flat in this game, which led to the lopsided score.

Nothing really worked out against the Saints.

Waito said the team gave away the ball 15 times in the first half and they lost the battles on the glass in the offensive zone

"You're not going to win very many games when you're playing like that," he said.

Conversely the Hawks protected the ball well and out-rebounded the Rams.

On the scoring front against the Saints the Hawks were led by Cody Bain, Caleb Schmidt and Nick Thompson, who each had four points.

Coming into the interlock games, the team had shown how they can come together and execute days leading up to the holidays with a win over the Red Hawks alumni team in the annual exhibition game.

"It's hard to come back after being off for two weeks too so I hope," he said, referring to the Saints' loss. "I look at that alumni game and I agree I think it was a strong showing of that kind of composure and that way we played together as a unit - it was really effective against them and it was here in the second half [against the Rams]. If this is where we're at and what we're building to I think it is a really good thing going into the second half of the season."

Darren Lum
Staff

Red Hawks senior forward Hunter Bishop, centre, rises above Kenner Rams defenders during a home game on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks senior player Will Stephenson leads a fast break after stealing a ball during a home game against the visiting Kenner Rams on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Minutes after the halftime break, the Hawks were up 17 -13 and then a power outage ended the game early.

He adds the team is developing its understanding about how to rotate while applying the press at the front or the back and floor communication has improved.

Waito said the second game proved they can compete with schools from Peterborough.

"We can and we're there at least against Kenner," he said.

The next test for the team will be when they play league opponents.

The team's next home game is against the Titans of St. Thomas on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

*The interlock games determine seeding for the playoffs, but not to final standings.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks senior forward Hunter Smith, who finished with seven points to lead all players, drives into contact.



Darren Lum Staff

Highlands resident Jim McKinnon is inviting people to join The Great Haliburton County Winter Road Running Rally this year. Once participants register they will attempt to run 429 kilometres in 100 days, starting Sunday, Feb. 1. Email jimgen1.1@gmail.com or phone McKinnon at 705-457-0183.

Rally for friendship and fun

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

He says it's a privilege to be able to run at 71. Talk to the spirited Jim McKinnon long enough and you realize this humble man has earned everything he has achieved whether it's professional or recreational. The former Royal Canadian Air Force recreation and physical education specialist is hoping to not only help people get out and run this winter, but have fun and meet a few people with a similar passion for running.

Like last year, the ardent runner with more than 50 years of running experience is inviting the public to join him and several others in participating in The Great Haliburton County Winter road Running Rally when it officially starts Sunday, Feb. 1.

He loves how he feels when he runs and wants others to experience it.

"The brain kicks out that chemistry. Also, you get up in the morning [and say] I did that yesterday," he said. "Eventually you're out there on a day like today [negative 10 Celsius and blustery], 'I want to run today. Yahhh.' You get in the wind and everything. You get out there it's really exhilarating."

He calls the group the Haliburton County Running Club where runners can share information and support to cover this year's 429 kilometre goal in 100 days. Although participants are free to run anywhere they can, which includes routes here in the county or even places where participants vacation, the virtual route McKinnon came up with is from Minden to Dwight with Highway 35, through Algonquin Park to Whitney, Madawaska, Barry's Bay, Wilno, Deacon and Golden Lake, south to Eganville via 41, Khartum and Griffith to Denbigh, west to Hardwood Lake, McCarther Mills and Bancroft to Paudash, Highway 118 to Tory Hill, back to Haliburton

and then finally Minden.

Three years ago after close to 12 years away from running, McKinnon said he was in Tim Hortons' parking lot in Minden when he saw a couple of guys in great shape, who gave him the idea to start running again and to encourage others with this rally.

He thought if these two look like this at their ages then he would follow their example and run. Later he found out they were his age and it shocked him, prompting him to get serious about running. His return to running has enabled him to get fitter and shed 30 pounds.

At first he could only get one runner for the rally, but it eventually grew to seven runners.

Seven runners ran last year's 100 day rally challenge, which covered the distance of 342 kilometres over an average of 58 days. It followed a virtual route from Minden to Ottawa.

Weekly totals from participants are sent by email to McKinnon, who is the rally co-ordinator.

During the rally, once a month a potluck is held, which provides a social outlet and is an opportunity to share stories and running tips.

McKinnon isn't focused on increasing the number of participants so much as just getting people outside.

Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate.

McKinnon said contrary to what people might think there is only one runner in her 20s, as the majority of the runners are older than 50, but they all have one thing in common.

Everybody seems to have a competitive edge, whether it's against the elements, the challenge or themselves, he said. However everyone loves the social aspect and the sense of community that comes with the effort that everyone shares to meet the rally's challenge.

For registration and for more information email jimgen1.1@gmail.com or phone 705-457-0183.

Solid showcase of skill and talent by Red Hawks

Judi Paul
Special to the *Echo*

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Jan. 9.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team played a barn burner of a game against Lakefield. Despite playing extremely well, Lakefield pulled out a 34-29 win in the last two minutes. In a second game against Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School the team wasn't able to put up a sustained effort and lost the game. Leading scorers on the day were Shane O'Reilly with 18 points, Sam Longo with 13 points, and Parker Smolen with eight points.

Thursday, Jan. 8

The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Cobourg to take on undefeated St. Mary's. A scoreless tie was spoiled by a lucky bounce to the opposing squad.

The men's Red Hawks hockey team had a solid showing at the Peterborough tournament, St. Peter's Classic Hockey Tournament winning three games and losing two.

The team defeated two large schools from Toronto and St. Catharines to advance to the quarter-finals in the A division. The team battled last year's champions, Mowat from Scarborough, where a well-played game saw them win by a score of 3-0. Moving on to semi-final play, the team outshot their opponents from Uxbridge, but went down 2-1 in a nail biter.

The junior girls' volleyball team had a great tournament at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, splitting sets with St. Thomas and Port Hope.

Wolverines football starting soon with tryouts and registration

The Peterborough Wolverines football team is preparing for another season with upcoming registration and try-outs for its bantam (13 to 14), junior varsity (15 to 16) and senior varsity (17 to 19) aged teams.

Last year, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School football players Devon Bangay, Mac Rider, Sage Christiano and Kyle Lavergne played for the Peterborough Wolverines.

Registration

The Wolverines will be having their second player registration day on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at their Wolverines Clubhouse located at 910 High Street across from Rehills. All players are to register prior to the tryouts, which will allow the coaches to plan and arrange the tryout program. Players can also register on line with the Wolverines website at peterboroughwolverines.ca. See the website for details.

Tryouts

The first round of tryouts for the senior varsity and junior varsity teams will be on Feb. 14 at the Spiplex located on Highway 7 south of Fowlers Corners. The junior varsity from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the senior varsity from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is important that players attend all tryout sessions to allow coaches to evaluate all candidates and decide on who will be on their final rosters. The next phase of try-outs will be announced later. The bantams tryout schedule will be held at a later date yet to be announced.

Submitted by Jerry Peters

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Losing is hard. It weighs on your mind and feeds into other parts of your life. It festers in dark corners and seeps into how you view the world, or worse, yourself. It plays with your emotions and slowly erodes your motivation and soon you may not see the point in trying, at all. They say it's just a game, but if taken too seriously, the game can make you bitter, frustrated and angry. But it's only then that you truly have lost.

Many believe that winning only relates to the final tally, but to judge winners only by the score would limit the benefits of sport immeasurably. To be sure, the Highland Storm Peewee AEs have done their share of losing as far as the scoreboard is concerned, but to a player, this team is so much more than that. Week after week, faced with the prospect of another tough game, this team has showed up, laced up the skates, and put out the effort to progressively get better.

On Saturday, the squad were home to the Huntsville Otters. Huntsville came out flying but goalie, Nate Misco was sharp and up to the task early. Although the Otters were able to pocket a few, Billy Walker banged one in from Brendan Coumbs and Ethan Coles to keep the score tight. Things got away from the Storm in the second but they came out flying in the third and never gave up. William Petrie found himself alone in front after some nice spade work by Tyler Martin and Jake Sisson and Ethan Coles captured another with the help of Coumbs.

On Sunday, they put out another great effort, Brendan Coumbs scoring with the help of Jaylin Frost and Brady Baldry, to prove that this team wins every time they step on the ice. Well done, Storm!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Midget AE team plays Bracebridge

Friday, Jan. 9, Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs travelled to Bracebridge for Game 1 of our MPS play downs. With great effort they left with a 7-3 lose to Huntsville. Goals by Hunter Bishop, Jon Morrison and Tyler Casey. Assists by Connor Gadway, Chase Burden, Mark Saville, Brayden Roberts and Dillon Tallman.

Saturday we faced off against Muskoka Rock at 11:30, teamwork proved to our benefit with a 5-0 win. Goals by; Tyler Casey (2), Dillon Tallman, Jordan "Nimmer" Nimigon, Chase Burden. Assists by Brayden Roberts, Ethan Keefer, Chase Burden, Nic Thompson, Chris Thompson, Hunter Bishop and Connor Gadway. Excellent goal tending by Jaxson Campbell.

Game 3: Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs faced off against Almaguin. Battling back and forth we tied 2-2 in regulation play. OT resulted in three minute four-on-four, where we fell short.

Goals scored by Chase Burden and Nic Thompson. Assists by Chris Thompson. Amazing goal tending by Riley Lambshead.

Sunday we faced off against South Muskoka at 10 a.m. in Bracebridge. The game was back forth kind of game. We scored with an answered goal by South Muskoka. South Muskoka scored only to have us answer back with another goal. Playing four-on-four for three minutes with no goals. Three-on-three for three minutes proved otherwise with South Muskoka scoring with only a minute left on the clock. Great game, boys! Goals scored by Tyler Casey unassisted and Brayden Roberts assisted by Ethan Keefer and Nic Thompson.

Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs play in Minden on Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. against Huntsville. Come out and cheer on the team.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Girls play in Hawks tournament

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls travelled to Orillia this past weekend for the Orillia Hawks Tournament. In pool play on Friday, the Storm defeated the strong and talented Norfolk Hericanes 3-1. After two scoreless periods Kenndal Marsden scored on a power-play early in the thirp period and Alicia McLean slipped one past the Norfolk netminder to put the Storm up 2-1 midway through the third period after Norfolk had tied the game at 1-1. Erin Little added an empty net insurance marker late in the third period to solidify the 3-1 win.

In the late evening 9:40 p.m. Friday night tilt, the Storm took to the ice against the aggressive Lynx from Lindsay. A scoreless first period pushed the Storm to step up their level of play. Erin Little spurred the squad on with a second period wrister going high glove. Kenndal Marsden and Brynn Meyers added

insurance markers in the 3-0 shut out win, both with rushes and going forehand-backhand to beat the Lindsay tender. Connor Marsden turned away all Lindsay shooters to secure the win and a spot in Sunday's semi-final games with the two early wins in pool play.

On Saturday afternoon, the Storm played the Ennis-more Eagles for their third game in their pool play to determine who they would play on Sunday semi-final. Still fighting the first period blues, the Storm stepped up their play again in the second and third periods. Becca Anderson, Alicia McLean, Erin Little and Kelsey Maracle all tallied to beat the Eagles 4-0. Connor Marsden earned the shut-out win, keeping the Storm undefeated and securing the first spot in pool.

On Sunday, the Storm hit the ice in their early 8:30 a.m. semi-final start against the Cold Creek Comets. After another scoreless first period, the Comets capitalized on the power play to take a 1-0 lead in the second period. The Storm stepped up and fought back with a tying goal from Sydney Feir early in the third period which seemed to push the squad along. Midway through the third period Kenndal Marsden went bar down with a wrister from the high slot to take a 2-1 lead and then secured the championship game appearance with an empty netter for the 3-1 win.

The Storm faced off against the Norfolk Hericanes in the midget B Championship Sunday afternoon. The Norfolk squad looked to avenge their pool play loss and capitalized on the power play midway through the second period to take a 1-0 after another hard-fought scoreless first period. The Storm stepped up their level of play again and took the challenge to the Hericanes. Early in the third period Sydney Feir tied the game at 1-1 with a power play snipe. Midway through the third, Kenndal Marsden finished off a rush with a high glove snap shot to put the Storm up 2-1. Erin Little solidified the Championship with an empty netter to secure the 3-1 win. Great tournament girls! Your attention to the game plans and team play focus made the Orillia Hawks Tourney Championship a reality. Well done ... repeat Champs! The Storm host the Keene Wolverines Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Wilberforce and then host the Ennis-more Eagles Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in Minden in their late season push to maintain first place in their LLFHL Eastern loop, helping them gear up for the league play-offs and provincial play downs. Keep up the great efforts girls!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Bantam A Finalist in MPS Playdowns

The Storm team travelled to Parry Sound this weekend to participate in the MPS playdown tournament.

It started on Friday night with a 6-0 win against South Muskoka. It took the Storm two periods to warm up, but a few minutes into the third period, the goals began. Flood scored two, Lucas Haedicke, Devyn Prentice, Cooper and Manning scored the rest. Assists by Cooper, Flood, Manning, Devyn Prentice, Patterson-Smith, O'Neill and Walker. A great job by all the boys, and a nice shutout for Smolen.

The Storm worked hard against the Huntsville Otters, provided some great hockey entertainment but lost the next game 4-3 in over-time. Cooper earned a hat-trick, assists by Lucas Haedicke and Flood.

Next, the Storm blew over the Parry Sound Shamrocks 6-0. It was a scoreless first period. Late in the second Turner shot the puck from behind the net and it deflected in making it 1-0. The Storm dominated the third period. Goal scorers were Patterson-Smith, Cooper, Flood, Devyn Prentice and Jacob Haedicke. Assists by Dollo, O'Neill and Cooper. Another sweet shutout for Smolen.

The Storm didn't have much left for the final game against the Huntsville Otters, and lost 5-1. They did their best to compete during the first period, coming out of that losing 1-0. Being out-played most of the game, the Storm could not afford any penalties as Huntsville was ready to capitalize on it. Midway through the third period, Patterson-Smith managed a goal, passes from Manning and Schmidt, making it 3-1. That gave the Storm a bit of a boost, but not for long. Huntsville reacted with a couple more goals ending the game. All games were well played by the boys, special mention to Parker Smolen, for an awesome job in net.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

SBX ski/boardercross brings gold to Ontario

Sir Sam's competitors in last weekend's SBX ski/boardercross race with Ontario team coach and Olympic snowboarder Jake Holden pose for a photo. Left, Reece Ralph finished with a gold medal, Mike Zapfe Snow School Director, Jamie Figueira, gold medal, Jake Holden, Alex Sward, Jillian Sward and Jacob Zoldy who also won a gold medal. Not in photo Abe Churko who got a bronze medal. /Photo submitted by Chris Bishop



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On Tuesday, Jan. 13 the community will gather at the Centre to say words of sympathy and grieve with the family of Lee Ann (Reynolds) Sergi, daughter of Jim and Wanda Reynolds. This follows the funeral at Haliburton Funeral Home. As usual the community has responded willingly and quickly when asked to contribute food for the reception and many thanks go to all who give time and effort for these occasions.

In the same way Kathleen and I made goodies for the memorial of a cousin in Barrie on Saturday. Everyone seems to want to help at times like these in the face of knowing how helpless you are when that one dear person is no more. Heartfelt sympathy goes to Lee Anne's husband and to the Bain and Reynolds families.

Regular yoga has begun again at the Centre on Monday and Friday mornings weekly. Call Laurie Sharpe at 457-0928 or 705-630-2842.

Euchre is the only other regular activity and that is at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The number in attendance last Tuesday was 22, and the results: High – Kathee Freeman and Ed Muenzel, Low – Ruth Fletcher and Ivan Kernohan, Most Lone Hands – Tina Hadley and Gerald Hadley.

Snowmobile trails slow to open

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Even with the recent snowfalls, the snowmobile trails are still not open. For some less snow is great. For those who provide services for snowmobiling sportspeople the trails are a lifeline.

Not sure if weather conditions on New Year's Day were a cause of the accident on Glamorgan Road that resulted in the lengthy power outage in this area. Things got quite cold for those without backup heating for up to eight hours. Then to add insult to injury, Hydro forgot to inform customers of a planned power outage to complete repairs on Monday Jan. 5.

Very shocking especial for surprised local businesses during the main part of the day. Wonder who forgot to press the send button.

The physical education program for all the students at the Wilberforce Elementary School for the winter term includes weekly curling lessons. The students (Grade 4

to 8) have trained instruction with age appropriate equipment. Having the rink within walking distance of the school has facilitated this program – no buses involved. There have been curling lessons for a number of years usually for just the older class. Now thanks to this new cooperative effort between the school and Wilberforce Curling Club all of the classes are involved in this physical activity. Community support for this endeavour included funds raised at the penny raffle last summer.

The students also walk to the arena for skating time at least twice a month. And if you see them walking further south occasionally they are going to or returning from Maple View. They have regular rewarding experiences sharing time with some of the residents there.

The school appreciates all the community support for the students including donations for their nutritious snack program.

It's annual meeting time again. The Wilberforce Agricultural Society held theirs at the LWMC on Jan. 9. The Wilberforce Heritage Guild will review their business of 2014 on Monday, Jan. 19. The public is welcome at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House beginning at 7 p.m. Hot tea and coffee will be ready.

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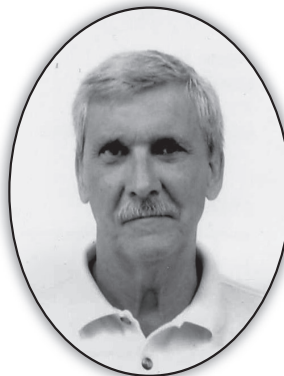
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Peacefully at the age of 96. Alden Lloyd Jewett passed away with his family by his side on January 1st, 2015.

As a Geologist by education, and wartime navigator, he enjoyed a long civil flying career following the military.

He remained healthy and at home until the end. Beloved husband of Joan (predeceased), father to Robin Jewett and grandfather to Breanne, Cole, and Evan Jewett his genuine interest, involvement and uncanny compassion for his grandchildren's lives never faded. He always offered a smile and upbeat mood to all he met. Painfully we mark the end of our time with this incredible man. His life will be difficult for us to go on without. He was a true inspiration.

Private family arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Community Care would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.

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TOWNSLEY, Jim

Passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the age of 75.

Jim has been living near his cousin Greg Baytalan for about 10 years in Kelowna. Jim retired from Trent University in Peterborough. Jim was predeceased by his father Alex Townsley and mother Olive (nee Horsley of Haliburton, ON). A private family service was held January 7, 2015.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting
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Helen Aileen Archer

(Resident of Oshawa Ontario, Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

On January 7, 2015, after a long and happy life, Helen Aileen Archer died peacefully with the love of her family at the Wynfield Long Term Care in Oshawa. She was born to Winnett and Mae Austin of Haliburton and lived there until her health declined in later years. Helen was the proud co-owner with her late husband Max of Sunrise Cottage Resort on Loon Lake, Haliburton. She was also predeceased by her much loved son-in-law Barry Stovin and a dear brother and sister Ron Austin and Betty Wise. Mom will be forever loved and missed by her children Sandra Stovin and Bill and Maura Archer. Helen was the proud grandma of Jeff Stovin, Susan Baldinelli (Michael), Jesse Archer (Callie) and Amy Sharpe (Mike). She was also delighted to be the Great Grandma of Jessica, Patrick, Alexandra and Scarlett Mae. She is survived also by her brother Keith Austin (Marion) and sister-in-law Helen Austin all of Huntsville. Grateful thanks goes to the staff of the Wynfield for their exceptional care and kindness while Mom resided there.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends may call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 10 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the HHHSF - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

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Lee Ann Sergi (nee Reynolds) (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

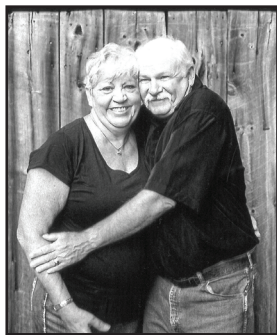


On Wednesday, December 31, 2014 in her 45th year. Dearly beloved wife of Chris Sergi. Loving daughter of Jim Reynolds and Wanda Reynolds (nee Bain). Dear sister of Kelly (Chris Harrison) and Curtis Reynolds (Brandi). Dear step-mother of Reianna McCluskey (Johnny). Cherished grandma of two granddaughters. Loving aunt of Kendall, Kiefer, Beckam and Maddex. Dear granddaughter of Ruth Bain. Lee Ann will be sadly missed by many other family and friends.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 from 11 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the AVM & Aneurysm Research Fund at the Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation (416-603-6278 or www.tgwhf.ca) would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory Of

Charlene E. Austen

Passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Friday, January 9, 2015. At the age of 55.

Beloved wife of Brian. Dear mother of Leslie, April and her husband Jake Hirstwood. Loving grandma to Arianna. Dear sister of Terry, Sandy and the late Lavina and remembered by her many step siblings. Dear daughter-in-law of Art and the late Minnie. Sister-in-law of Lee and Kim, Bret and Debbie. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Charlene's Life will be held at the Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Church(downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Minden United Church would be appreciated by the family.



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Rosebrugh-Heathcock, Laura

Laura passed away peacefully at Ian Anderson House in Oakville on December 21, 2014 at the age of 65.

Laura was the much beloved wife and partner of Haden Heathcock with whom she shared camping trips, canoeing experiences and peaceful days at their cottage on Lake Miskwabi in Haliburton. She will be greatly missed by her brother Michael (Debbie), step-sons Stephen (Cheryl) and Alan (Tina) and brother-in-law Rob Heathcock (Tiina). Laura loved Christmas and delighted in filling stockings for her nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Erin (Nick), Andrea (Graham) Fraser, Kevin (Lindsay), Gregory Rosebrugh, Ian Heathcock, and Michael Flett, hold many wonderful memories of their Aunt Laura as do her grandchildren Rachel,

Jacob, Caleb, Isaac and Remi. Laura was predeceased by her parents, Murray and Helen (Lynn) Rosebrugh. After earning degrees from The University of Western Ontario and University of Windsor, Laura taught for thirty years at Lorne Park Secondary School in Mississauga. Students in her English classes fondly remember her as a challenging and fair teacher who encouraged them to aim high in life. She will be missed by her many friends, especially the "Ladies of the Lake", and the members of her book club. Laura's family would like to extend a special thank you to the Palliative Care Teams at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital and Ian Anderson House and to Don and Patty MacIntosh and Patricia and Ted Dillon for their friendship and support.

Visitation will be held at Ward Funeral Home, 109 Reynolds Street, Oakville from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm on Wednesday January 28. A Celebration of Life will be held at Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maple Grove Drive, Oakville at 11 am on Saturday January 31. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ian Anderson House (www.ianandersonhouse.com) would be appreciated.

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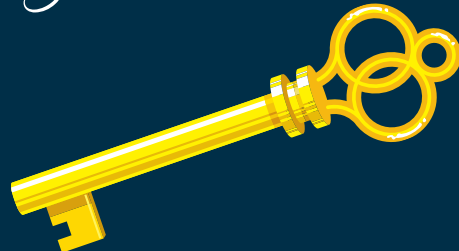
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